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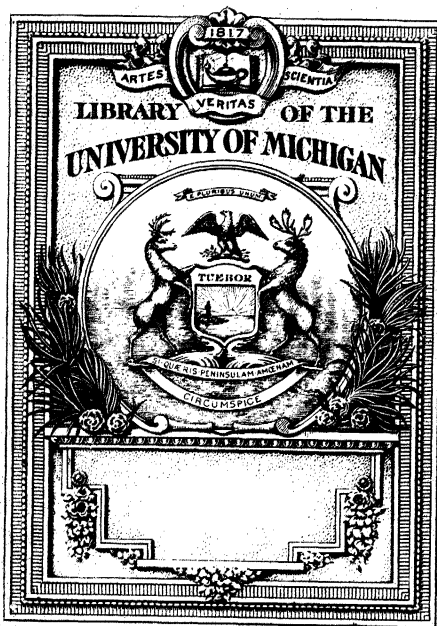
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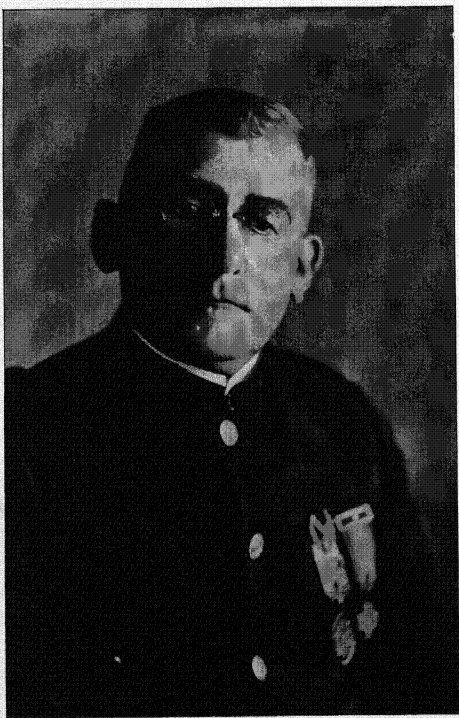
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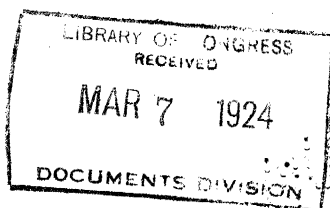


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The evening session was called at 8:00 P. M.

PAST COMMANDER, LIEUTENANT COLONEL H. J. COOKINHAM, JR.,
Presiding:

Prayer was offered by the REV. ROBERT J. BOGAN:

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, Amen. We pray Thee, Almighty and Eternal God, who through Jesus Christ has revealed Thy Glory to make known the works of Thy mercy. We pray that by your Might, Wisdom and Justice, through your authority, the whole administration of the Government may have the assistance, especially in these most trying times, of Thy help and counsel, and that Thy fortitude may be given to the President of these United States; and that his administration may be continued in righteousness, and be eminently useful to Thy people over whom he presides, and may they be endowed with due respect for virtue and religion. We pray Thee, Oh God, to bless our Army, and our Navy wherever they may be throughout the United States or abroad, and that they may be blessed by Thee and led to eternal life. We pray that those in authority may have wisdom for the faithful execution of the laws in justice and in mercy. Let the might of Thy Divine wisdom take hold of the hearts of Thy people, and let the freedom of Christ spread over our earth, and give the people wisdom that they may stand for peace, for the increase of justice and sobriety and useful knowledge, and may we all enjoy the blessings of equal liberty. We pray that Thy Blessing may be upon this encampment in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen."

By PAST COMMANDER LIEUTENANT COLONEL H. J. COOKINHAM:

Comrades and Friends: Liscum Wheeler Camp is happy in welcoming to its home the representatives of the United Spanish War Veterans of the Empire State. We appreciate the honor you do us by coming here to visit us. This is our annual convention, our annual opportunity of renewing old acquaintances and of making new friends, of promoting a close relationship and understanding, of celebrating the past and of prophesying and promising the future. If a people see not visions, the Nation shall perish. Every individual, every organization, must have some purpose, some dream, some ideal. For what do we exist? For what did we go forth to fight? To preserve and to perpetuate what? Justice and Freedom and Democracy. For these, we went forth.

From defending these same ideals but yesterday again the boys came home. These same ideals are still before us, now as deep as when at war. Few of us will ever be able to answer the summons when next the bugle sounds as it surely will sound. The silver tracery of the white frost of autumn shows too plainly on our brow, our footsteps though far from feeble, have lost the nimbleness, the buoyancy of youth. The custody and safety of the banner of liberty we soon must pass to others. Whatever of loyalty, of patriotism is ours today will be theirs tomorrow. The spirit of the American citizen and soldier of tomorrow will be but the blooming of the seed sown and nourished by us today, as we guide the thoughts, as we cultivate the understanding of our boy today, as we stimulate his imagination and broaden and uplift his vision, as we awaken in him a knowledge of the purpose and the meaning of his country so shall his love grow, so shall be created a national consciousness, exclusively American, so shall we as our footsteps falter and our fingers fail, with confidence and thanksgiving, pass the torch of liberty to the eager worthy hands of a younger generation. On us today is the responsibility of tomorrow. Let us be ever mindful of this fact. Our future campaign lies not in the field of battle, but in the fertile youthful fields of youth.

No one in the city of Utica, no one anywhere, has had a more deeper interest in the welfare of the soldier, no one has given more of time, has given more of himself to the soldier, no one has had a heart more full of sympathy for the soldier in his troubles and in his suffering, no one has joined more completely in his pleasures, in his joys, in his accomplishments, than a member of Liscum Wheeler Post, who will now greet you, as His Honor, the Mayor of the city of Utica. (Applause and audience stood.)

By HON. JAMES K. O'CONNOR, Mayor of the City of Utica:

Comrades, Sisters of the Auxiliary and Friends: The city of Utica tonight extends to you, figuratively as well as literally, a warm welcome. Personally I am very glad that your convention was not dated for the week previous, for the welcome would have been much warmer. (Applause.)

The day of coolness yesterday led us to believe that possibly the entire week might follow in the same fashion, but I am afraid that we are going to have a recurrence of last week's weather. If that be the case I am going to be merciful with you at the start. There is a long, long program as is shown by the printer's ink.

If each one were to take the time, he or she might desire, this gathering would last until long after the mid-night hour. I know that many of you are anxious to get out and visit some of the churches before they close for the night. (Laughter.)

Remember I have two clergymen right here. (Laughter.)

Most of our welcome you will have to imagine. This Convention has been held in the city of Utica before back in the days when I was City Judge and I had a chance then to extend to you the freedom of the city. (Laughter.)

But you know that that sort of freedom of the city has passed. It belongs to a bygone age, they no longer have keys to the city, at least there hasn't been one seen in the City Hall since I arrived there a year and a half ago, but the city is yours, you are welcome to it, take it and do the best you can with it, and leave us whatever you please when you are going away. We are glad that you have come among us, and we hope that your convention will be a pleasant one and that whatever is done will not only be for the benefit of your own members, but all the community. The American soldier has always been upon the human side of every question. America entered into the Spanish War as the mother of humanity, America entered into the World War because it felt that its presence was needed for all humanity, and the American soldier has up to the present time always signified American ideals whether he is called upon to do much or little, whether the service was of many months or many battlefields. His has always been unselfish, self-sacrificing service and when the wars have ended and the men who have fought in them have banded themselves together, it has always been with that same idea of service, service for the general good, that has been your motto. It was the motto of your predecessor, the Grand Army of whom there are still a few left, and it is today the motto of that grand band of American Warriors who are now following the American Legion, and it will be the motto of every soldier attending this convention and knowing and appreciating this, we bid you the heartiest welcome to our city, we trust that your stay will be a pleasant one and when you have finished your labor, we will bid you a hearty godspeed. (Applause.)

By PAST COMMANDER LIEUTENANT COLONEL H. J. COOKINHAM:

We will now have the pleasure of listening to William Lanigan, Department Commander of the United Spanish War Veterans. (Audience stood and applauded.)

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, WILLIAM LANIGAN:

Mr. Chairman, Sisters, Comrades and Distinguished Guests: On behalf of the Department of New York, I assure you that it is a great pleasure for me to extend our thanks to the city of Utica for offering us the welcome that has been offered to us by Your Honor, the Mayor.

We, who have known him, that are close neighbors of yours, know full well that all he says is true, and that you can expect to enjoy yourself here better than in many of the places you have been in before, for they are surely a liberal people, always willing to make it as interesting and as entertaining for you as it is possible for you to imagine, so I feel sure Sisters and Comrades, that every one of you will enjoy yourselves and I feel confident that this Convention, judging from the size of this meeting here tonight, will be productive of good, as we all wish it to be.

I, like the Mayor, believe that the program is lengthy, and you

will find more interesting talkers than myself here, and I do not want to keep you until the wee hours but wish to give you an opportunity to visit the churches before they close and therefore I will conclude also. (Applause.)

By PAST COMMANDER LIEUTENANT COLONEL H. J. COOKINHAM:

It is with great pleasure I introduce the President of the Department Auxiliary, Mayo A. Wilbur.

By MAYO A. WILBUR, DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT AUXILIARY:

It is with a great deal of pleasure I come again to this city. I was one of the regular ones who was here in the Convention when this gentleman extended the keys to your city. I feel that we have already received a very warm welcome, and I only hope and trust that our conduct and deliberations here this time will make you wish to have us back again. We certainly appreciate your cordial welcome.

A duet was rendered by Miss Kathleen Lynch and Miss Florence Debbold.

By PAST COMMANDER LIEUTENANT COLONEL H. J. COOKINHAM:

We regret exceedingly that the Rt. Rev. Monsignor John P. Chidwick is not here at this time. We hope before the session is closed that we will be fortunate enough to hear him speak. His voice is always one that we welcome. We, who have known him for many years, all love him, and therefore we are particularly unfortunate that he is not here at the present time to speak to you.

As you all know the Judiciary committee of our Legislature has to do with with the mightiest problems, the most vexations and the most important that come before that lawmaking body. The Chairman of that Committee must be a man, learned in the law, he must be a man of keen discrimination, of excellent judgment, a man able, a man of wide experience in public and private matters and particularly at this time with the affairs in such a state, is such a man required, and such a man was found.

We have the great pleasure tonight in having with us, and in listening to the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature, the Hon. Louis M. Martin. (Applause and three cheers.)

The author and sponsor of the veterans' civil service amendment upon which we vote next November.

By HON. LOUIS M. MARTIN:

Mr. Chairman and Members of the United Spanish War Veterans and Ladies and Gentlemen: I had deemed myself fortunate to think that I would be able to simply make a few remarks and then be privileged to listen again to the Chaplain of the Maine, whom I have heard on several occasions with the greatest delight.

I am embarrassed by this flattering introduction by the Chairman, and I am embarrassed by the warmth of the reception that I have received from the members of an organization that I have learned to respect. I respect an active militant organization of

any class. I know something about this organization of United Spanish War Veterans. It has been my pleasure to be somewhat associated with them for the past four years, during the progress of their very just legislation through the Assembly of the State of New York and the Senate of the State of New York, and I have learned to look upon the local Commander here with a great deal of respect. He is our own County Treasurer. He has shown an ability to organize in matters that he has undertaken here, that has received approval of his many, many friends, and without trespassing at all upon your good nature, it is the sincere wish of his legions of friends in this city that the time may soon come when you may see fit to pass to him, what is to my mind one of the greatest honors of the State, that of the office of your State Commander. This is simply a suggestion thrown out.

What an inspiration it is to stand here tonight before this magnificent audience of ladies and gentlemen with the flag of our Union flowing from every corner and to think that you and I have the pleasure of being here tonight and associating ourselves with the three representatives of our three great wars.

I notice with veneration and respect these men of the Civil War, here present. I notice with the same veneration and respect the attendance of the members of your organization, and I am filled with pride as I look around and see the veterans of the late war engaged in assisting us in paying our respect and honor to the men who occupy the position of guests here tonight.

I am going to take a moment of your time to suggest a fact or two that has come to me. We have had in these United States, six wars. The Revolution produced this Nation, and made it a Nation, and these men of the War of the Rebellion preserved and made whole the Nation that was created in the Revolutionary Days. The four other wars were fought either to protect the honor and integrity of the Nation or were fought to aid an oppressed and down trodden people from the slavery they were under on account of the Governmental control of some foreign power, and the men of the Spanish American War are the great body of men who freely went out to battle, not only to maintain the dignity of the American Flag, but to help a poor, oppressed and downtrodden people back into the field of liberty, placing them again upon the solid foundation of National existence and giving them new life.

Why, ladies and gentlemen, before these men went to war, the history of Cuba was a tragedy. I am going to speak just a moment on that because there are many of us who have not given it the consideration we should. In a debate in the House, I heard one man say it was nothing but a little scrap, that those men were not entitled to much for going on that excursion to Cuba. Before you went to war, it was a downtrodden, discouraged people. Inhabited in its early history by a peace loving quiet people, when Europe discovered this ailment, it immediately became a scene of tremendous conflict, it became a scene of conflict that affected the

whole Western Hemisphere, when England, France and Spain were struggling to obtain supremacy on the Western Hemisphere, and finally by the manipulation of the jugglers of Europe, this island became the property of Spain. I am not going to trace back the history of Cuba, further, except to call your attention to one fact that I wish to make prominent in regard to this matter, and that is that during the entire history of this country, the situation of Cuba was a matter of very grave concern. In 1856 President Pierce appointed as Commissioners Bacon, Mason and Sewall, who investigated the question of Cuba, and they reported back that never would the Government and people of the United States be wholly free from danger until that powerful island either became part of the country itself or came under our jurisdiction and control and so time went on and we entered the Civil War and we had not time to take up the question of Cuba.

In 1868, the Cuban people began their first struggle for independence. I will not go into the details of that ten years's war, that this people struggled against the power of Spain, but the Spanish yoke continued and Spanish autocracy still controlled. In 1895, General Gomez again commenced his war for freedom. It was a disastrous failure. Weyler came from Spain. He drove them into scattered remnants. He adopted the policy of starving the Nation, nothing could be done. The protest of the United States against the tactics employed by Spain brought back the insulting remark that the president of the United States was a petty politician, and that we should receive our lesson from Spanish guns.

I remember in 1898, in February, when we then were in the Legislature, when a ship from our Navy, on an errand of peace, taking supplies to feed those people was anchored in the harbor under what we supposed was the protection of the Spanish guns that night, and this warship was destroyed and two hundred and six men were entitled to have their names placed forever on the roll of honor at the Capitol at Washington in Letters that can never be destroyed. Two hundred and six American sailors stood by their guns and saluted their captain, and went down to their death. This Nation was aroused from Gulf to the Lakes, and from Ocean to Ocean. The President held back as long as possible, but on the 25th of April, 1898, we all remember the day, Congress said: "We will declare war" and one hundred and twenty-five thousand men were asked for and the next week seventy-five thousand more. A million sprang up, a million men wanted to go, wanted to protect the American Flag, wanted to free an oppressed people, and out of that million, two hundred thousand of the best men that America could produce were sent to the front. What I want to say in regard to this historical synopsis, was to illustrate that we then did face a condition where it was absolutely necessary to protect the flag, second, to save a struggling people from being stricken from the face of the earth, third, to maintain the entity of the American Nation and the Western Hemisphere.

From the North and the South they came. General Shafter joined them, General Wheeler, a former Confederate Commander joined the colors. What I want to say is, if I could say it properly, is call the attention of you Ladies and Gentlemen even though it is hard to do it tonight to the situation that these boys faced. I am not going to dwell upon the great feat of Hobson, the crushing of the Spanish navy at Santiago or Manila, I want to call your attention in all fairness, Ladies and Gentlemen, to what these boys faced at that time. This was no excursion to Palm Beach and Florida, this was no getting aboard of transport and riding down into the Bermudas for the health. These men voluntarily left their homes, and they rushed to the rescue of the Nation. They had to face the most tremendous odds that men have ever faced in any of our wars along certain lines. They had to face the well equipped Spanish Army of many thousand men. They had to face men who were immune to the climate, they had to face men with modern weapons, smokeless powder, they had to go down there in the heavy uniform of the Northern States with the crude army revolvers so that every shot they made made them a mark for Spanish sharpshooters. There was none of the Glory of war there, there was none of the talk of Sherman in his march to the sea, but they did face in the jungles of the south, the insidious battle which comes from nowhere, but wrought terrible death in their midst, and in fact they had to go down in their camps and lie down and stealing over them was the malaria from the swamps of Cuba, sapping their life blood and taking away their strength and force. We must give those men credit. I can see how it would be wonderful in a great charge to take part and risk your life, but these boys went down into that stricken island, and gave up their lives not only to the Spanish bullets, but to the yellow fever of the south. In spite of those conditions, in forty-six days from the date they landed below Santiago, they swept up the hill and destroyed the city and took the greater portion of the Spanish army, and freed forever the Cuban Island. Such is an outline of what these men did. Spain at that time was at the zenith of her power on the land and on the sea, yet in two months time that power had been destroyed and Europe was taught to forever believe that the Western Hemisphere created by that conflict had better be left alone by the future generations of Europe. These boys taught the greatest lesson that has been taught by any war. You will recall that at the time of the declaration of peace the European Press said that Cuba simply traded Spanish control for Yankee control; that the Yankees will enslave those people just the same as Spain did, and what a magnificent example we gave the European people. We did not oppress them, we raised them up and assigned them their government, put them on their feet, faced them toward the beauties of the rising sun, and made them a Nation, and instead of having a people south of us who hated us and who were ready to spring at our throats we have a happy con-

tended, peace loving people, bound to us by every tie that a Nation can have toward another for saving their National existence.

I think the Reverend Gentlemen will agree with me when I say that the time will surely come when the Phillipines and the places under our control will soon receive the benefits of that liberty that we guaranteed the islands beneath our charge.

Yes, Veterans of the Spanish War, we do appreciate the fact that you preserved the Honor of the American Flag and that you freed a magnificent people and while we look with respect and veneration upon that great body of men, who served in the World War, and although probably within the next week in Utica here, we will pay our last respects to some of the boys who are being sent over from France, Gentlemen of the Spanish American War, your place is absolutely secure, and you will rank with the rest of the heroes of our great Republic and will always have the love, respect and affection of every patriotic American Citizen of our great Republic, as numbering those who went down in the valley of the shadow of death and offered your lives for the protection of the flag and to maintain the honor and integrity of this great Nation. (Applause.)

A solo was rendered by Miss Kathleen Lynch.

By PAST COMMANDER LIEUTENANT COLONEL H. J. COOKINHAM:

Past Commander, Thomas F. Gannon, will now present to the city of Utica, the Roosevelt Tablet.

By PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, THOMAS F. GANNON:

Comrades, Chairman, Gentlemen, Members of the Grand Army of the Republic, American Legion Men, Ladies Auxiliary, Ladies and Gentlemen: It has been delegated to me this evening, and I can assure you such an assignment I consider an honorable one and one in which I take a great personal pleasure, in presenting this tablet.

It will be proper at this time to just give a little idea of what caused several of the comrades and myself to think of this idea of presenting a tablet to the various encampment cities. Going home one evening, we thought owing to the peculiarisms which were eating into the vitals of our Nation, we ought to do something more than talk, which very often ends with the sound of the voice, but to do something which might perpetuate the ideals upon which our organization was founded, and to set forth as clearly as possible the ideas of one of the greatest Americans that ever lived. In thinking it over, we got busy and decided upon the Great American, Theodore Roosevelt, and we thought it would be well to cast a profile of his features and an outline of his history, and we conceived the idea of having part of some of the famous battleships which took part in the navy engagements in the war in which we were engaged. So we obtained parts of the battleship Maine, the Oregon and the Olympia and two ships named after cities in New York State, and with metals from those ships we conceived the

idea of having it done entirely by veterans and in this respect we were helped by the past secretary of the navy, Hon. Josephus Daniels, who gave us permission to have the tablet made in the navy yard. I was fortunate enough probably in getting the greatest sculptor in the world to do the work, and with all those things working harmoniously, we have the tablet here. The inscription upon the tablet is this "Dedicated to the Americanism of Theodore Roosevelt by us, his comrades, of the United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York." The metal in this tablet was taken from the battleships Maine, Oregon, Olympia, New York and Brooklyn. It speaks the doctrine in time of Peace, which those gallant ships thundered in war. "One Flag, One Country, The United States of America." Strange as it may seem to us Americans, it has occurred to me at times rather strange, that we should always be talking about Americanism. We have heard a great many times of late, the use of the phrase "100 per cent American." I have heard a great many speakers speak about it, and it has often occurred to me why that is necessary. Why should it be necessary for me to stand on the platform here and talk about 100 per cent Americanism to you people. Why is it necessary to speak of it at all in this Great Nation of ours? Unfortunately we have found out that it is necessary, that there are people that come to our country to get away from a condition that they found intolerable and this great Nation of ours instantly received them, hoping that they will be beneficial to us and that we will be beneficial to them, and that they will show their gratitude and make this great Nation greater, but frequently peculiar ideas begin to seep into their brains, helped on and developed by orators, who are willing to play on their feelings in order to gain a livelihood and so we have found in certain parts of the country, hotbeds of anti-Americanism, and it was for this purpose we thought it advisable to have these tablets like this placed in schools where the minds of the young could be trained to look up into the face of one whom all Americans recognize as the greatest exponent of real Americanism. It may be said offhanded, that there is very little difference, and in fact no difference, between this country and any European country from a material point of view. We have, in this country, rivers and lakes, trees and grass, and they have the same in European countries. The grass in Europe is just as green as the grass in America, and the trees in America give just as much shade as the trees in Europe, but why is it that a great many of the people coming here and a great many of the people born here do not take to themselves seriously the love of country, and I am speaking now with knowledge. They do not seem to take to themselves that love of country that the natives of foreign countries do. They do not flush up in anger when they hear their country and flag assailed like the Frenchman does. There is one reason that occurred to me, and that is, I think the great Americans in this country are kept too far back in the pages of history. I was only reading some of the histories that

are being used today in some of our public schools, and I am frank to say, if they were written by Frenchmen in France, they would have received a drumhead court martial and been shot on the spot. When they attempt to write into the pages of American history the signers of the Declaration of Independence were pleasure seekers, political schemers and petty politicians, the moment that a child gets that saturated in his brain, that that was the character of the Fathers of this Country, Lord help this Country. What we want today, and what I hope tablets like this will do, is to try to place into the children of this Nation in their schools, the same spirit that was in the men who watched for the light in the old south tower, the spirit that was in those men, who were behind the wall at Lexington, with the men with Washington at Valley Forge, and that followed Grant and Sherman through the depths of the war. It seems to me that every detail of history should be brought out, the deeds of valor of our heroes in past wars should be emphasized and in no instance should a history contain a record, which in any way would belittle the forefathers of this great Nation. If you teach your children to look upon the signers of the Declaration of Independence as a bunch of petty politicians, if you teach them to look upon John Hancock as being a muck raker and picture Thomas Jefferson with a halter around his neck, if you teach your children that kind of doctrine it is a thousand times worse than the isms and anarchy that is being poured into the gullible ears of some of the ignorant emigrants from some of the European countries. We will take care of our enemies in Europe, the only trouble is, they don't send them in bunches. We have no defense against the lie which stabs you in the back.

Mr. Mayor in presenting this tablet to your High School, we do so with the hopes that all of the children from this time on, will look into the face of our comrade, and as I said before, the greatest American that ever lived, and will be inspired with the way he loved America; with that radiant desire to do something for America, for Americans, and the man above all men that every man, woman and child irrespective of race, creed or color, idolizes because he was a real American. (Applause.)

By MAYOR O'CONNOR:

Past Commander Gannon, and Comrades, as a Member of Lis-cum Wheeler encampment and as Mayor of the city of Utica, I accept at your hands, this beautiful tablet and the words that you have spoken in its presentation sink deep, I believe, into the hearts and minds of every listener. Theodore Roosevelt certainly was the greatest American of our day and age, Legislator, Statesman, soldier, hero, President, citizen, America was always first and last in his mind. When in health and strength in the days of the Spanish War, we know how quickly he went to the front. And later on when the hand of death had already reached out and almost touched, the same Americanism which prompted him in the days of 1898, again impelled him to offer his services to his

country, but the opportunity was denied him, and it was well, probably that it was so denied, for his constitution had been undermined and as we see the result his death would not have occurred in this country but on foreign shores, not upon the battlefield, but in an hospital. Death had already seized hold of him and yet he stood ready to fight to the last moment for the country he idolized, for the flag he loved, and when he couldn't give himself, every one of his children of military age went in his place and stead, and to one of them there came the soldier's fate. You could have chosen no greater subject for this tablet, and the city of Utica, and Liscum Wheeler Camp accept it, and thank you deeply for this magnificent tribute. (Applause.)

By PAST COMMANDER LIEUTENANT COLONEL H. J. COOKINHAM, JR.:

Major GEORGE J. WINSLOW will present the Roosevelt tablet to the Utica Free Academy.

By MAJOR GEORGE J. WINSLOW:

Mr. Chairman, Ladies, Comrades and my friends: I feel greatly honored to be able in few words to present on behalf of Liscum Wheeler Camp of the United Spanish War Veterans to Judge De Angelis, the representative of our public schools of the city of Utica, this magnificent tablet. Surely, my friends, this is the most inspiring occasion, and when one's thoughts go back a few years, and he thinks of the small beginning of the United Spanish War Veterans and then compares those beginnings with this representative occasion, indeed, one is most impressed. It seems only a few months ago, my friends, but it is more than twenty years ago, since Major La Rose of Albany, a soldier and friend and companion of every soldier, came over here to Utica from Albany and instituted Harrison Liscum Camp of the Spanish War Veterans. That was within the walls of this same building and the first Commander of that camp was Major Joseph H. Remmer, now deceased, but always held in pleasant memory and thereafter as you all know or most of you know, there came the consolidation of Harrison Liscum Camp and the old Russell Wheeler Camp and they united and became the Liscum Wheeler Camp, No. 33 of the United Spanish War Veterans, and so that camp remains today. It seems that in those early years, my friends, that it was most difficult to develop in the hearts and in the minds of those who were invited to become members of the Spanish American War Veterans that interest, that devotion, which we were afterwards to witness, and it is so inspiringly demonstrated by his gathering tonight, and back there more than twenty years ago, the young men who joined the Spanish War camp would not dare to predict the splendid success which we now seem to have attained.

Why, my friends, it seems only such a short time that it was a rather difficult matter for our camps throughout the State and throughout the Nation to even have enough on our meeting nights for a quorum, but with increasing years we gained a better foot-

hold. We gained and developed a closer comradeship and we gained much in wisdom and so we have gained on and on throughout the Empire State and north, east, south and west, everywhere the United Spanish War Veterans has gained its strength and has developed as we hoped and wished and prayed for years ago, and now our dream has come true, and what an inspiration an occasion like to night is to all of those who dreamed of this, who never thought it possible but hoped and hoped. Isn't it a fine thing to have these comrades come from greater New York to our encampment, inspired by the lofty motives, expressing the most touching sentiments and giving to Liscum Wheeler Camp, this enduring tablet of bronze, made of metals which were part of the warships that played such a big part in the Spanish War, and more than that, and better, commemorating the greatness of a man, a citizen, a soldier, a patriarch, a Statesmen, Theodore Roosevelt?

My friends, there was a man of integrity. There was a man of fearlessness, there was a man of fairness and justice, and on the field of battle he was unafraid to bare his breast to the foe and afterward sitting in the high places in government, he stood always alive as a champion of devotion to his country, and a champion of patriotism and also he could always be found allied against those forces and those elements which go to make up un-Americanism.

My friends, on the parkway up here in Utica, we have a bronze statue which is called "The Hiker." You very likely will recall that a few years ago, the United Spanish War Veterans of Utica, as a tribute to our comrades who died in the Spanish American War, erected this Hiker, and presented it formally to the city of Utica, as an example of the type of soldier whom we love to think about and with whom we love to associate. Now tonight from our comrades, down east, they present this magnificent tablet to Liscum Wheeler Camp. They come here and present it to us as a gift right out of their hearts, and in the hope that every one of this and those generations that are to follow here in Utica, when casting their eyes on this tablet, will feel in their hearts an inspiration to emulate those attributes of Colonel Roosevelt which made him such a character, such a soldier, and whose life was one great unending lesson in patriotism to the people of our Nation.

Liscum Wheeler Camp has accepted this tablet in the very eloquent words of our beloved Mayor, and to you Judge De Angelis I turn over this tablet, and you in turn to present in the name of this occasion, and this organization, to the schools of the city of Utica, to be erected on the walls of the Utica Free Academy, and to be forever a memento of that statesman and soldier and patri-occassion, and this organization, to the schools of the city of the annual encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York, and also as a token from the comrades of Liscum Wheeler Camp to the Utica Free Academy of the city of Utica. (Applause.)

By HON. P. C. J. DE ANGELIS:

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: I have been entertained and instructed by those who have preceded me here tonight upon this platform. I am here personally to pay my respects to the United Veterans of the Spanish War, and to say to them what is in the hearts of every Utican, that they unhesitatingly answered their country's call, whatever that call might have involved, they now as new soldiers are entitled to, and we do honor and respect them.

I see in this audience veterans of other wars. I see men who were fighting our battles when our President was the Great Lincoln. I recall the meetings that took place when those men went to the front and I recall all those sad days and the morning when Lincoln was made a martyr, and I think of the bravery and merits that were exhibited in the men who went to the World War and of those who didn't return and nobody after our experience of war and bloodshed could ever hope for war again, and yet it may come. If it should come again, I believe that our people have received such a lesson that there would on that occasion come forth a unanimity of feeling to stand by the flag, that the world has never known.

I feel honored to have been selected to be here tonight, to accept in its behalf, the Board of Education of the city of Utica, this beautiful tablet. It is a splendid gift, it is deeply appreciated by the members of the Board of Education and by the entire school population of the city of Utica, and I agree with the speakers who have preceded me in the importance of tablets of this kind, it reminds us impressively of the men who have stood for right and men who have labored in the right.

Over the portals of the college of war, where Ferdinand Foch was once a student, is this inscription: "May this building remain standing until the ant has drunk all the waves of the sea, and the porpoise has crawled around the world."

It is said that at that place this great man learned his lessons of diligence, of industry, of determination, that led to his preparation for the great task that was to fall upon him. Men may not be born to positions which they reach as these patriarchs in the world's progress, but men who are not prepared when the call comes, lose, where men like Foch take the position and save a people.

Colonel Roosevelt was one of the great leaders of a people, his life was devoted to the right. His influence was directed toward making us better Americans, better men.

Major Winslow, on behalf of the Board of Education of the city of Utica, we accept this gift and acting upon the suggestion of your camp, we shall place at the entrance to the Utica Free Academy, there to remain we hope for years and years to come, to be an inspiration to good work, to hard work, and we hope and predict that it will become a shrine of Americanism, that the influence which it exercises will be felt in the years to come by every student of Utica Free Academy. (Applause.)

A solo was rendered by MISS FLORENCE DEBBOLD.

Presentation of the flag to the Utica Free Academy by the Auxiliary of the Department of New York. Patriotic Instructor, Rose M. Leadbeater.

Department and National Officers, Sisters and Comrades of the Spanish War Veterans, Comrades of the G. A. R. and World War Officers, and Citizens of Utica: It gives me a great pleasure, as Patriotic Instructor to present a flag to Utica Free Academy, and on behalf of the thousands of members of the Woman's Auxiliary and the Department of New York, I present to the city of Utica, this flag.

By MR. PIERCE JONES, President of the Utica Free Academy:

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: As a member of the Board of Education, it gives me great pleasure to accept this American Flag, so generously presented by the Woman's Auxiliary. I recognize this flag as the emblem of the greatest Nation of the World, and it is the desire of the Board that this flag shall be displayed to the citizens of the city of Utica as a standing memento of this occasion and of what this country is, and what it will continue to be.

In expressing to you the thanks of the Board for this beautiful, beautiful flag, I also express the hope that the citizens of this city will never hesitate to give to their country all that their country so richly deserves. (Applause.)

Presentation of a set of guidons to the president of the Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp Auxiliary, No. 52 by Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp, No. 46. (The fighting 46th.)

By MRS. LOUCKNER:

On behalf of the Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp Auxiliary, No. 52 I wish to thank you for this presentation of this beautiful set of guidons in the absence of our President.

Music Quartet, Miss Kathleen Lynch, Miss Florence Debbold, Elliott Stewart and Doctor Cavallo.

By PAST COMMANDER LIEUTENANT COLONEL H. J. COOKINHAM, JR.:

There are three classes of veterans, our fathers of 61, ourselves of 98 and our sons. We will now hear from Mr. E. C. Case, one of our fathers of 1861.

By MR. E. C. CASE:

I feel as some of your comrades did the first fight you ever went into, I am scared, so I therefore will not trouble you with any lengthy remarks.

On behalf of the seventy-five living members of the Grand Army of the Republic of the city of Utica, I welcome you all. Our numbers are getting very small and we are getting weak every way, and as we get along in years our memories fail us. We have fine thoughts but I can not express them. If I could do as well with

my tongue as I can with my thoughts I could make a pretty good speech. (Applause.)

Comrades of the Spanish American War there is one thing you have got to remember, and that is that your organization is the only organization in the world that is composed absolutely of volunteers.

Of course there were a number of kids in the Civil War, one million four hundred thousand, that were twenty-one and under, and I happened to be one of the kids. There were a great many drafted men and bounty men, so you have to thank and to remember that you are the only organization that was composed absolutely of volunteers.

There is one thing that I hope will happen, and that is that the Spanish War Veterans will be eventually consolidated into the Grand Army and that they will take up the work that we have been doing and if we can't give you much advice, we can give you much in telling stories.

Now, I thank you very much, and I thank your Chairman for calling on me, but it would not be policy on my part to keep you here after hearing the people who have preceded me. I thank you all. (Applause.)

By PAST COMMANDER LIEUTENANT COLONEL H. J. COOKINHAM, JR.:

Our children, as represented by Mr. Hubbard, Commander of the Utica Post, American Legion.

By MR. HUBBARD:

I think I make quite a husky child, and I think the American Legion, which I represent makes a much huskier child.

I just want to say to the Spanish War Veterans and to all allied associations, we of the American Legion, consider it a great honor and privilege in welcoming you here, for without a doubt, your bravery, your devotion to country, served as an inspiration to us, to answer to the appeal of a stricken country, and without your inspiration and your ideals before us, we would never have been able to accomplish the work that was done. It is therefore with a great deal of pleasure, that we of the World War greet you, and I trust that you will enjoy yourselves here in the city of Utica.

We feel there is a bond of fellowship, a bond of humanity, community of interest, and a bond of friendship between the Spanish War Veterans and the veterans of the World War which can never die, and in conclusion permit me to again reiterate my feeling of honor in being privileged to be here and to welcome and we of the American Legion hope to emulate the fine example set by you veterans of the Spanish War. (Applause.)

By PAST COMMANDER LIEUTENANT COLONEL H. J. COOKINHAM, JR.:

Earlier in the evening I spoke of a voice we all know and a voice we all love to hear, a voice that is always an inspiration to us, a voice that always brings our thoughts to a higher plane. I feel signally honored in presenting to you tonight, Rt. Rev. Monsignor

John G. Chidwick, the National Chaplain of the United Spanish War Veterans, Department of New York, Chaplain of the battleship Maine, when she went to her grave in Manila Harbor. (Thunderous applause and the audience all stood.)

By RT. REV. MONS. JOHN G. CHIDWICK:

Past Commanders of the State, National President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Department Commanders, Invited Guests, His Honor, the Mayor, Comrades of the American Spanish War, and Sister of the Auxiliary and citizens of Utica, I believe the women are citizens, as well as the men: I am sorry to have been a little bit late, in fact a great deal late. The fault was with the train, we were two hours late in arriving at the city, held up about thirty miles outside of the city of Utica, by two coal cars that were off the tracks. We had to wait for an hour and a half until a policeman in the shape of a derrick came and actually lifted them aside. Policemen don't wait that long in New York. Whenever I am late like this I always tell the story of the Irishman who went down to pay his rent. The story runs that this Irishman who went to pay his rent, as they always do, when the landlord allowed that something should be done on the occasion. Michael said that this was the proper thing. This was in the days when American Liberty did not reside all in Washington. So the landlord filled up a little glass for Patrick, who when he sipped it looked rather disappointed, the landlord noticed the shadow of a frown over his face and said — "What is the matter, you don't seem to like it?" Patrick sipped it and said — "Let me ask you, how did you make it?" The landlord replied — "I made it the regular way." Patrick said — "The regular way, what do you mean?" "Well," the landlord said — "First I put in whiskey and then I pour in the water." Patrick said "You put in the whiskey and then put in the water on top of the whiskey?" "Well," said Patrick, "I suppose I will come to the whiskey after a while."

So I got here after a while.

In the first place I must congratulate the ladies who are present here tonight. It strikes me that for every lady I saw leaving the Armory tonight I saw four men, and at the present time the greater part of this fine assemblage consists of these faithful ladies. Women are the ones to stick a thing out.

Now I wish I had been here earlier in the evening to enjoy the inspiration of the other eloquent speakers who have preceded me, but I take it that the resonant notes of all occasions like the present is the memories of '98 allotted to our beloved country, a pledge of devotion to her interests, and all that effects her at the present time and a determination that our spirits will come down to those who will come after us.

In looking over the past year my heart goes out in thanksgiving to God particularly for my country, for the great temptation which my country nobly resisted. I doubt if there has been in the history

of our country a greater temptation presented to her than when she was led to the top of the mountain and told to look over the valleys of the world, and that all these treasures would be hers, with those of her associates if she would bow down and renounce her sovereignty. It was a tremendous temptation. She could not be accused of self seeking, but the temptation for glory, the temptation to power, the temptation to immeasurable prosperity, to worldwide dominion and glory, Oh, what a temptation it was. For a moment it would seem as if answer of our country hung in the balance but it only seemed so until her people were asked for their decision and in no unmistakable way, they in a most decisive manner, spoke, and they left us, Thank God, where our forefathers placed us, still a free, sovereign and independent people. (Applause.)

It may be asked if our country is opposed to all the beautiful idealisms to which the trend of events seem to be taking their way; if our country is opposed to a universal association, opposed to the elimination of the scourge of war, opposed to the union of all nations in friendship, unswerving and confident.

No, No. We are not opposed to these high ideals. To oppose them would be to oppose the very life which God gave to us when he made us a country, holding out our arms in an invitation to all peoples of the world to come and learn how to live in peace and happiness upon our shores. God does not say to teach the world that all people can live together in peace and in happiness. God drew to our country, all races, all creeds, all kinds, all blood. He drew them here and then bound them in a nation of love, that no selfish interest can possibly dissolve. Look over our broad land, see here every country, every race, every blood represented, as we have it within our shores so do we wish it throughout the world, so do we pray that God will give them the day when the people will forget their traditions of history, their prejudices, their differences and be bound together in the united nations under a fatherhood of God and a brotherhood of Christ.

Should we believe in all these beautiful idealisms? We ask if looking upon the consequences of the World War, in looking upon the manner in which nations have conducted themselves, after the war, if we are not justified in standing aloof until rancor and hatred has disappeared from the minds and the hearts of men and justice and chivalry has again asserted itself. We wish friendship with every Nation on the face of God's earth. We extend our hands of friendship to countries united to us in language, in race and in blood. We hold our hands to those people and speak to them, the voice of nature that speaks for friendship and love, but we do say to them and to every people on the face of God's earth, that our offers of friendship must be to those countries who love the ideals of America, who live according to the principles of American liberty, who crush not the ideals that we love and by which we live, and for which we are willing to die.

We believe in freedom, democracy, equality and the brotherhood of man. Why we interfere with no country in any form of government that it wants for its people. We opine that we shall be able to take all to our hearts, but we should take principally to our heart those who are like unto us, those who love the things that we love.

America's position in the world is a position of helpfulness to the world. I love to look over the history of my beloved country. I love to see the hand of providence cutting a ray and molding her design as clear in the scenery of heaven as the bright orb of day shines above our heads. Do you not know that in the beginning very poor ideas of liberty were prevalent in this country, but as time went broader views were inculcated and finally by their tolerance to one another, they became bound to each other as a common people and then in the fire of revolution they were welded together and from them came a common voice, this is a free country, this is a country bound to all the people of the world. This is a haven and a home to the prosecuted and oppressed wherever they may be found on the face of God's earth. This is a glorious country and here freedom, happiness, equality, democracy is found in every man's mind, and opportunity for his best development is presented that he might stand here the image of his God, as God made him, in mind and in heart, so that he will be able to look into the face of his fellow men and see in it the face of a kin, as his fellow men see in his own face the equal kinship of a child of God.

That spirit was developed as our country grew and spread and people came to our shores feeling their way across this broad land, leaving valleys and climbing mountains and crossing lakes and rivers and began tilling the soil and planting the fields in the villages and towns and cities of this country, and began to help operate our factories, our mills and industries until they gave to us this great, broad and bountiful country that we have today, with liberty better understood than ever before in the history of our land. We love our liberty today better than ever people ever loved it before. We understand it better. Because from the number of people, the number of conditions, the number of classes and kinds, that have come into our country, we have learned to broaden our vision with every wave that struck our shore until liberty finds itself spread all over the world. So our message as we come down through the ages is the history of peace and of love and of brotherhood unto all.

It was this that led us into the campaign of 1898. It was this that caused us to enter the last great world war, and in neither one did we seek self advancement. In neither did we enslave or rob a nation, nor did we ask one cent return for our expenditures of wealth or of blood, and our only compensation was the satisfaction of having done our duty to the high ideals that God placed before us and the fulfillment of our pledge that we do that duty even

unto death. Oh Glorious America, Oh Glorious America, who one hundred and forty odd years ago began with its pæan of joy and praise to God and of fellowship to man, and which year after year, and day after day has learned more deeply and more largely the message that God wishes us to carry on through the ages. Glorious America which in 1898 was privileged to enjoy her ideals within her own borders, but who brought upon herself the idea that she lived not only for herself for her liberty alone, Oh Glorious America, who when God gave you opportunity, spoke to the whole world that you loved Liberty, not only for yourself, but you loved it for every people under the sun, and we gave it all that all countries should enjoy that glorious liberty which is ours without asking for a cent of money or a strip of territory in compensation. (Applause.)

Never has the like of that sacrifice been seen. Never has a Nation been truer to her ideals than America has been to hers. You men of '61 to '65 who fought to keep this country united, that it might serve God's purpose at the present time, who as agents of God's providence, kept this country strong and in one, in order that it might launch the fullness of its power against the strongest military power the world had ever seen, you men of '65 and you men of '98 who first carried America's message from our own shores to a foreign shore, and you men of the last World War must recognize that you are not only soldiers of a country, but that you have been instruments in the hands of God. You have been the instruments of a Divine Providence, upholding a high and Godlike ideal amongst men that America with her doctrine of brotherhood, peace and love for all shall stand as the exemplar, the teacher and the guide unto the nations of history to come. (Applause.)

By THE REV. FATHER BOGAN:

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord love you and give you peace both now, and forever more. Amen.

The meeting was concluded by Taps being sounded by Bugler Fox, a Spanish War Veteran and his two little sons.

SECOND DAY

(Morning Session, July 18th, 1921, at 9:30 A. M.)

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, WILLIAM LANIGAN:

Comrades, we are now open for business with the Eighteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of New York, and I trust that our sessions will be as instructive and beneficial to our organization as they have been in the past, and we will now join in prayer with Rev. Dr. C. J. Oxley.

"Oh, Almighty God, creator of heaven and of earth and of all things, we humbly bow before Thee and acknowledge our entire dependence upon Thee, and Thy supreme dominion over us. Oh, God of light, we pray Thee that the deliberations of this Convention may be guided by Thy wisdom and regulated by love and that all that it may resolve upon may be always towards the strengthening of comradeship, the increase of our devotion to one another, and to our country. Grant that the waves of patriotism may go out from this Convention to touch the hearts of all the comrades who served with us during the war, who brought us all into one great fraternity, so that we may continue to be a powerful army for the defense and exaltation and the glory of our country, and we pray Thee to bless our country in this hour. God give to our President a clear mind and strong heart that he may be enabled to do his duty. Give to our people a patience and a proper obedience to their great executive, and grant us a united, a devoted and a loving country. Loving our country first and above all nations and may we act towards all men as an angel from the Throne of God, whom we are bound to obey and by whom we are blessed. And grant that we may be able to persuade them who come to these shores that the All Highest marked out this Nation for exaltation, advancement and happiness of humanity. Bless, Oh Lord, in this our morning petition, and give us our hearts' desire in Jesus Name, Amen."

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WILLIAM LANIGAN:

Comrades, we have this morning the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, who has come to us to give us a few words of greeting. I might say along those lines that I am advised by the committee in charge of this Convention that the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Utica has been very liberal in their treatment of this Committee, and I take great pleasure in introducing to you, the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Utica, John G. Duffy. (Applause.)

By Mr. JOHN G. DUFFY:

Commander Lanigan, and Gentlemen of the United Spanish War Veterans State Encampment, the time this morning has gone very rapidly. It is not my intention to delay you with a long speech, and telling you what a wonderful city we are privileged to live in, but I do appreciate this opportunity of speaking to you and I

desire to say to you that we are pleased that you have designated Utica as the place for holding the encampment for 1921.

We are particularly pleased that it has been the pleasure of our organization to have a part in making this encampment a success, and I feel that we would be remiss in our duties did we not cooperate with the local Committee for the convention.

I will relate to you a story which is of Los Angeles, California. They had for years cherished the ambition of some day being upon the Pacific Ocean. They thought with their very wonderful climate, and their other attractive features that if they could dig out seventeen miles between them and the ocean that they would outstrip all other cities. At a dinner of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, four speakers were on the program, three from Los Angeles, and one a newspaper man of Seattle, Washington. The three speakers from Los Angeles referred in glowing terms to the wonderful city of Los Angeles, and the wonderful effect of this proposed project upon Los Angeles. Finally it came time for the gentlemen from Seattle to address the gathering. He said: I am much interested in this proposed project and I believe that I have at least learned more about Los Angeles than ever I knew before. Each speaker who has preceded me has told what a great place Los Angeles is, and my suggestion to you is that if you suck as hard as you can blow that that seventeen miles will be dredged out mighty quick. (Applause.)

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WILLIAM LANIGAN:

Department Marshall, will you ask the Chairman of the Convention Committee to report on the number of delegates already enrolled. In the meantime while waiting for that report I would ask Comrade Hurd, if he will bring Adjutant Gallagher to the rostrum.

By COMRADE HERRICK:

Comrades, about a month ago, at the annual encampment of the Department at Pennsylvania, I was very pleased to find a Comrade born in Buffalo, and who was apparently one of the live wires of the Department of Pennsylvania, and is now representing it as Adjutant, Comrade Gallagher.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WILLIAM LANIGAN:

We are honored by your presence and are proud that you as a former comrade of New York have made such strides in the Department of Pennsylvania. We hope and trust your stay will be fully enjoyed by yourself as well as ourselves.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WILLIAM LANIGAN:

The Chairman of the Credential Committee reports that they have one hundred and ninety-one enrolled and forty in waiting, and that they are so busy down there he begs to be excused from reporting in person. If there is no objection his report will stand as reported by me.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WILLIAM LANIGAN:

On the Resolution Committee, I will appoint the following: William Goodwin, Peter A. Nellis, Charles Amey, A. J. Ransom, and Chauncey J. Herrick. On the Greetings Committee, I will appoint Past Department Commander William Jones, Past Department Commander William J. Cunningham, Past Department Commander A. R. McFarland and Past Department Commander Thomas J. Gannon. On the Credentials Committee, I will appoint Comrade James J. O'Connor, Joseph Finney, and Albert Halin. I will ask Comrade Irving Coon, if he will oblige and act as Reading Clerk.

By READING CLERK COMRADE COON:

I will now read you communications as to the Department Commanders, and their replies.

June 30, 1921.

COMRADE JAMES J. KIERNAN, *Department Commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars, 1755 74th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.:*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE.—It is with much pleasure as Department Commander of the Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, that I extend to you, as Department Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a most cordial invitation to attend our Department encampment to be held in Utica on July 17th to 20th, inclusive.

Trusting that you may be able to favor us with your presence on that occasion, I am, with best wishes for your success in all your undertakings.

Sincerely and fraternally yours, in F. P. and H.,

WILLIAM LANIGAN,

WL:MMcG.

Department Commander.

June 30, 1921.

THOMAS F. WARD, *Chairman, American War Veterans Campaign Committee for Veterans Preference, 46 Duane Street, New York City:*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE.—It is with much pleasure as Department Commander of the Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, that I extend to you, as Chairman of the American War Veterans Campaign, Committee for Veterans Preference, a most cordial invitation to attend our Department Encampment to be held in Utica on July 17 to 20th, inclusive.

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July 1, 1921.

MR. WILLIAM LANIGAN, *Dep't Com., United Spanish War Veterans, 23 King Street, Troy N. Y.:*

DEAR COMRADE.—I accept with pleasure your kind invitation to be present at your Department Encampment to be held in Utica on July 17 to July 20, inclusive.

Fraternally yours,

THOMAS F. WARD, JR.,

TFW:WJD.

Chairman.

July 14, 1921.

COMRADE EDWARD SCHEIBERLING, *95 State Street, Albany, N. Y.*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE.—It is with much pleasure that I, as Department Commander of the Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, extend to you a most cordial invitation to attend our Department Encampment to be held in Utica on July 17–20th, inclusive.

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Department Commander.

WL:MMcG.

July 14, 1921.

SAMUEL E. ARONOWITZ, *Chairman, Legislative Committee, American Legion, 36 State Street, Albany, N. Y.:*

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WL:MMcG.

EDWARD N. SCHEIBERLING,
Attorney and Counselor at Law,
95 State Street,

ALBANY, N. Y., July 15, 1921.

MR. WILLIAM LANIGAN, *Department Commander, United Spanish War Veterans, Troy, N. Y.:*

DEAR COMRADE COMMANDER.—I am in receipt of your kind letter of the 14th inst. inviting me to be present at your Encampment at Utica, next week. I regret that I shall not be able to attend the Encampment, but I wish to assure you that your very thoughtful and considerate invitation is greatly appreciated.

Hoping that you will have a most successful reunion, and with all good wishes always, I am

Fraternally yours,

EDWARD N. SCHEIBERLING.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM.

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COLONEL THOMAS F. GANON, *U. S. War Veterans, Hotel Martin, Utica, N. Y.:*

The Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic send greetings to our comrades of war with Spain, may your deliberations be beneficial to your organization.

ISADORE ISAACS,

Department Commander.

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By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WILLIAM LANIGAN:

What is your pleasure, Comrades, as to these communications?

By READING CLERK COMRADE COON:

I move that they be accepted.

Motion seconded, and carried.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WILLIAM LANIGAN:

Comrade Marshall, I will ask you to escort Past Commander Gannon to a seat on the rostrum.

By PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER GANNON:

If you don't mind I prefer to stay here.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WILLIAM LANIGAN:

I will ask you at the beginning that you be particular to state your name and the number of your camp when talking in this convention, so that the stenographer here will be able to work without being interrupted, and if that is done we will get along very much quicker, and it will be pleasanter for us all around.

By READING CLERK COMRADE IRVING COON OF THE 31ST:

I move you, sir, at this time that this Encampment stand at attention out of respect for those of the departed comrades that have gone during the past year, and I also move that taps be sounded.

Motion seconded.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WILLIAM LANIGAN:

All in favor of that will rise and stand at attention for one minute. (This was done.)

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WILLIAM LANIGAN:

I see one of the comrades, James T. Carroll, who rests very peaceably over there on a seat and we would like to have him up here where everybody can see him.

(Mr. Carroll escorted to the rostrum.)

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WILLIAM LANIGAN:

It gives me great pleasure to introduce to many of you who don't know him, one of the most staunch friends, not even excepting Assemblyman Judge Martin, that you all know in the Legislature at Albany, and I take great pleasure in introducing Comrade James T. Carroll, your comrade from Brooklyn.

By COMRADE CARROLL:

I wish to thank you very much for this ovation.

(At this point Rt. Rev. Mons. John C. Chidwick entered the Armory and all stood.)

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WILLIAM LANIGAN:

Reports of Officers.—I would say that you have them in printed form, that is to say they will appear in the proceedings of the annual encampment. We are all familiar with the fact that the cost of printing is extremely high and we could not afford to reprint the entire proceedings and the entire reports of the officers and committee, and I think it advisable to adopt the same procedure as has been previously adopted and let us do away with the reading of those reports, which I think takes much of our time and more than we care to give to it under the circumstances.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS TO THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

To the Eighteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of New York United Spanish War Veterans, and its officers and delegates assembled at Utica, July 17, 18, 19, 20th, I respectfully submit the following report of my actions and control of the affairs of the department for the year of 1920-1921.

At the beginning of my administration, I stated that nothing would be left undone by me to comply with the requests of the different camps of the organization, that my purpose in accepting the office was to pledge my earnest efforts to the successful passage of that legislation, which we of the State of New York, have fought so long for, known as the Civil Service Preference Bill. I also promised my same hearty support to that of recruiting, and in that respect through the efforts of Sr. Vice-Department Commander Spire, we were successful in establishing four new camps in his district, known as Sergt. Albert R. Smith Camp No. 106; Lake Shore Camp No. 107; Col. Henry W. Gilbert Camp No. 108 and Medina Camp No. 109, as well as the reinstatement of Alfred C. Weller Camp No. 32, and Thos. H. Fitzgerald Camp No. 79, with a grand increase in membership of over three hundred which will make the membership of the Department of New York with this present consolidated report, over sixty-five hundred.

It has been a great pleasure to know of the co-operation and feeling of interest expressed by the officers and comrades of the various camps, and feel that while a very high honor comes with the office I am about to relinquish, it requires the efforts of a man holding it, who has more time than the other fellow, and I therefore submit for your approval the following list of visits, and financial statement, which will show a great increase in expenses and for that reason have compared the statement with that of a year ago to how the increased cost of printing, etc., as well as that of railroad fares which is somewhat more than seventy-five per cent., which I trust will be acceptable to this honorable body.

VISITS

Monday, July 19, 1920, Marcus D. Russell Ladies' Auxiliary.

Thursday, July 22, 1920, Marcus D. Russell Camp.

Saturday, July 24, 1920, Past Dept. Com. Thos. F. Gannon.

Tuesday, July 27, Joint Meeting of M. D. Russell Camp and Auxiliary.

Saturday, August 21, Arrival in Troy of Commander-in-Chief Wm. Jones.



LEONARD S. SPIRE
Senior Vice Department Commander

Sunday, August 22, Reception to Commander-in-Chief Wm. Jones and Dept. Commander Wm. Lanigan at Troy by Camps of Capital District Council.

Wednesday, September 1, Attended funeral, Lt. Col. L. T. Griffith, at Troy.

Wednesday, September 8, Dinner to Commander-in-Chief Wm. Jones in New York City.

September 13, 14, 15, 16, National Encampment at St. Louis, Mo.

Saturday, September 18, Reception of Grand Datto Harry J. Gleason, at Troy.

Tuesday, September 21, Reception of Jr. V. Dept. Comdr. Frank W. Wood and Dept. Pres. Mrs. Mayo A. Wilbur, at Binghamton.

Thursday, September 23, Attended funeral services of Past Dept. Comdr. Thos. F. Gannon's mother, at Brooklyn.

Monday, October 25, Dinner, Pres. Gen. Louise W. Williams, New York City.

Wednesday, October 27, D. J. Johnston Camp, Cohoes.

Thursday, October 28, Roosevelt Memorial Services, Russell Camp and Auxiliary.

Wednesday, November 3, Warren A. Wilson Camp, Glens Falls.

Sunday, November 7, Capital Dist. Council Meeting, at Troy.

Wednesday, November 10, Military Ball, Capt. F. R. Palmer Camp, Albany.

Thursday, November 11, Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp, Schenectady, Armistice Day Parade.

Friday, November 12, Reception to Dept. President, Mrs. Laura B. Prisk of New York City, by Gen. J. B. Carr Circle Ladies of the G. A. R., at Troy.

Sunday, November 14, Dedication of Memorial to Veterans of the World War by the 14th Ward, at Troy.

Wednesday, November 24, Reception to Supreme Gu Gu Wm. F. Leuper of New York City.

Thursday, November 25, Reception of Hudson B. Moore Camp and Auxiliary of Newburgh.

Tuesday, November 30, Joint Reception to Dept. Judge Advocate Franklyn W. Cristman of Herkimer.

Monday, December 6, Reception of Dept. Pres. Mrs. Mayo A. Wilbur of Binghamton by Marcus D. Russell Auxiliary.

Saturday, January 1, 1921, Presentation of Floral tributes to Secretary of State John J. Lyons and Senator Frederick E. Draper, at State Capitol.

Tuesday, January 4, Capt. Frank R. Palmer Camp, Albany.

Monday, January 10, Saratoga Camp, Saratoga Springs.

Tuesday, January 11, Col. Chas. L. MacArthur Circle, Ladies of the G. A. R., Troy.

Thursday, January 13, Marcus D. Russell Camp and Auxiliary.

Friday, January 14, Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp and Auxiliary, Schenectady.

Saturday, January 15, Joint Installation of the Borough of Manhattan Camps, New York City.

- Sunday, January 16, Session Capital District Council, Albany,
Monday, January 17, Saratoga Camp, Saratoga Springs.
Saturday, January 22, Installation Malabon Lair.
Monday, January 24, E. M. Hoffman Camp, Elmira.
Tuesday, January 25, Milton R. Wheeler Camp, Bath.
Wednesday, January 26, David J. Johnston Camp, Cohoes.
Monday, February 15, Preference Bill hearing at Albany.
Monday, February 15, Formation of Noble-Callahan Post Auxiliary American Legion, instituted by Pres. Gen. Louise W. Williams.
Thursday, February 24, Patriotic Celebration Camp Russell and Auxiliary.
Sunday, February 27, District Council Session, at Troy.
Sunday, February 27, Meeting of 3d and 4th Districts at Troy for Reception to Commander-in-Chief J. K. Witherspoon.
Tuesday, March 1, Preference Bill hearing, at Albany.
Tuesday, March 1, Urged Retention of Military Training Commission.
Tuesday, March 8, Reception to Commander-in-Chief J. K. Witherspoon, New York City.
Tuesday, March 15, Reception to Commander-in-Chief J. K. Witherspoon, Troy.
Sunday, April 10, Memorial Service Soldier Dead from France.
Monday, April 18, Anniversary Post Bolton Woman's Relief Corps, G. A. R.
Tuesday, April 19, Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp, Schenectady.
Tuesday, April 26, Liscum-Wheeler Camp, Utica.
Thursday, April 28, West Point Camp.
Wednesday, May 18, Reunion of Second Regiment, Troy.
Sunday, May 22, Reinstatement of Alfred C. Weller Camp, Middletown.
Wednesday, May 26, Joint Session D. J. Johnston Camp and Auxiliary.
Sunday, May 29, Memorial Sunday Service, Troy.
Monday, May 30, Hiker dedication, Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp, Schenectady.
Monday, May 20, Memorial Day Exercises, Troy.
Saturday, June 4, Dedication of Troy State Armory.
Monday, June 6, Belleau Wood restoration meeting.
Sunday, June 26, Washington.
Monday, July 11, Reception of Jr. Vice-Dept. Pres. Mrs. Lily R. Law, Carr Circle, G. A. R.
Tuesday, July 12, Reception of Jr. Vice-Dept. Pres. Mrs. Lily R. Law, MacArthur Circle, G. A. R.

TO THE OFFICERS AND APPOINTEES OF THE DEPARTMENT

To my Senior and Junior Vice-Commanders.

A Department, I do not believe, ever had a more willing or more efficient set of officers than the Senior and Junior Vice-Commanders, they being men of great ability, and their wonderful interest in the organization has done much in the support of my efforts on behalf of this Department, and I feel that they are entitled to your respect as they are to mine.

To My Adjutant, Quartermaster, and Assistant Department Adjutant.

I beg to extend my full appreciation of the very valuable and kind assistance they have been to me. It has been a year of pleasure working with three such men, and Comrade Connolly deserves great credit, as he has handled the ordering and distribution of supplies entirely from the New York office.

To the members of the Legislative Committee whose report cannot be printed here, but will appear in the annual report, I wish to thank them, and feel that the respect and thanks from every member of the organization is due them for the able and efficient manner in which they have secured this Preference Bill for us, and I will also request of the members throughout the Department that their efforts be brought forth just as valiantly on Election Day when this bill will be before the people for referendum as has been done during the last session of the Legislature. The untiring efforts of Comrades Fitzgerald, Gannon, Long, Pierce, and our beloved Chaplain, Father Chidwick, are hereby acknowledged by me as being efforts and time given which could not be paid for in actual dollars and cents by this Department, for such valuable assistance.

To the Patriotic Instructor, Chief-of-Staff, Historian, Marshal and other officers are also much respected for their efforts in behalf of Department, and Patriotic Instructor, Comrade Fredenrich, together with the others has submitted a lengthy report and for lack of space they cannot be printed in this but will appear in the annual proceedings. He deserves much credit for the manner in which he has worked with the schools of certain districts on essays in the classes of the eighth grade. Some of these will appear in the annual report and will be very interesting to all.

I do not feel that my report would be complete without mentioning three unofficial committees who acted during this term in the successful entertaining of the Commander-in-Chief while on his visit to this state. The committee in New York City performed work that like the committee of the Capital District and Buffalo, which will long be remembered by the distinguished visitor and his wife, they having made the statement several times during their visit to this state, that this is the Department that did things well, and as the work was left entirely to the committee

of whom I have not the names in full, I shall state that it is appreciated beyond words of expression by myself as well as our beloved Commander-in-Chief and wife.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I have but one recommendation, and that is one repeated from Past Department Commander Gannon, who after two years, was able to see that which I venture to say no one but one serving at the beginning, or for that matter until near the end of his term, that the affairs of the Department are business matters, and as you will see by the amount of work such as visits, and the interest shown in the publication of the monthly bulletin, which expense has increased considerably as well as that of many other items, while the income to the Department from the various camps has not increased one penny. You will therefore see that no successful business can be maintained to show a profit or gain of any description unless its revenue is increased accordingly. And while Comrade Gannon thought the difference ought to be borne by the National body, I do not think that he could succeed in such a matter, and as it is important that the Department Commander make visits throughout the Department and prepare bulletins each month with the four pages filled to over-flowing, that we while assembled in this encampment, enact a change in your Rules and Regulations, or adopt through a resolution if that is not possible for contributions of some sort from the different camps for the increase necessary to maintain this Department, as it is absolutely impossible to expect outlying camps to remain without any knowledge of the affairs of the Department year after year, and in my judgment, the expense borne by social or official visits from the heads of his Department is money well spent.

Respectfully submitted, in F. P. & H.,

WILLIAM LANIGAN,

Department Commander.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

BUFFALO, N. Y., July 1, 1921.

COMRADE WILLIAM LANIGAN, *Department Commander, Dept. of N. Y., United Spanish War Veterans, 23 King St., Troy, N. Y.:*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE.—In compliance with your edict issued in General Orders, I herewith submit my report as Senior Vice-Department Commander for the year 1920-21:

Following my election to the office I have the honor of now holding and upon receipt of orders from you designating me to take charge of District Four composed of Camps 12-15-17 of Buffalo, Camp 7 of Niagara Falls, Camp 83 of Lockport, Camp 45 of Jamestown, Camp 60 of Olean and Camp 25 of Rochester, I immediately communicated with these Camps, notifying them of the creation of the District and directing them to communicate with me in regard to anything they might desire.

I also began investigating the possibilities of forming new Camps in this District and started a correspondence with eligible veterans, a list of which I had procured from interested veterans in Tonawanda, Dunkirk, Rochester and Medina with the result that during the year I have formed Camps at the above named cities and they were duly instituted with the following designations Sergt. Albert R. Smith Camp 106 of Tonawanda; Lake Shore Camp 107 of Dunkirk; Col. Gilbert Camp 108 of Rochester and Medina Camp 109 of Medina. In each instance great enthusiasm was displayed by the members of the new Camps and public spirited citizens, imbued with patriotic fervor, turned out in large numbers to give the new Camps a hearty send off. I have made visits to these Camps since their institution and have found increased interest in their work and I venture to predict that a hundred per cent. increase may be expected during the next year if proper encouragement is meted out to them.

The work of forming and instituting these Camps required three visits in each instance for the purpose of arranging details, holding the "first meetings" and finally the institution of the Camp and the installing of the officers. Permit me to mention at this time that the Camps formed and instituted this year are the first to be formed since the institution of Ray Camp 105 in 1916.

During the year I visited each Camp in District Four, two or more times and, in connection with this, I visited Camp 26 at Oswego twice, Camp 3 at Binghamton once, Camp 40 at Elmira three times, Camp 28 at Albany once, and upon invitation of Past Department Commander Thomas F. Stalford, visited Moore Camp of Sayre, Penn., where I conducted the muster-in ceremonies upon a class of recruits. On each visit to the Camps in my district, the main topic in my talks was Department and National Legislation, laying particular stress upon the Preference Bill then pending in the State Legislature.

During the period of installation of Camp officers I installed the officers of Camps 12, 15 and 17 of Buffalo, Camp 26 of Oswego, Camp 3 of Binghamton, Camp 60 of Olean. My inspections covered Camps 25 of Rochester, 45 of Jamestown, 60 of Olean, 106 of Tonawanda, 107 of Dunkirk, and I accompanied the district inspectors upon their inspection of Camps 12, 15 and 17 of Buffalo, Camp 7 of Niagara Falls and Camp 83 of Lockport. I wish to state at this time that my visits to all of the Camps mentioned were without expense to the Department.

I participated in numerous patriotic events in Buffalo of which I will make brief mention, as I was acting in the capacity of Secretary of the Joint Buffalo City Board and do not believe that these should enter in my report of the office which I now hold. I have been selected as a member of the Peace Memorial Bridge Committee, comprised of veterans of the World War, Civil War and Spanish-American War, which is to devise ways and means to erect a Memorial Bridge to span the Niagara river between Fort Erie, Ont., Canada and Buffalo. I also was appointed Chairman of a committee to receive and entertain Commander-in-Chief Witherspoon during his visit to Buffalo on March 16th and 17th. Our Chief was given a banquet at the Hotel Iroquois and later attended a joint meeting of all the Camps of Western New York. The second day of his visit the committee escorted him to Niagara Falls where he was shown the sights. Mrs. Witherspoon accompanied us on this trip also.

I have used my best efforts to assist you and the Legislative Committee in your efforts to promote the interests of the Department in all legislation which has been the issue during the year and I feel that I should at this time mention the result of my efforts in Erie County where there was considerable opposition to our Preference Bill. I succeeded in obtaining a favorable vote from every Assemblyman from Erie County with one exception and that member had promised me faithfully that he would not only vote for our bill but would support it. When the bill came for final passage this member failed me miserably but just recently he issued a statement that he will not be a candidate for re-election. The women voters of Buffalo assisted me to a marked degree and great credit should be given them for the hard work they performed in aiding us to secure the votes of the Legislators in Western New York.

In September I attended the National Encampment at St. Louis and was made a member of the Resolutions Committee by Commander-in-Chief Jones.

I entertained Commander-in-Chief Jones and wife and Adjutant General Rigney and wife, while they were enroute home from the National Encampment.

I felt honored that they were able to spend two days in Buffalo as an opportunity was had to take them on an automobile tour to Niagara Falls.

In June I entertained Department Commander C. A. Biltz and Staff who stopped over in Buffalo enroute to the Department Encampment at Erie, Penn., and I was honored by officially representing the Department of New York at this Encampment.

During the year I also started recruiting campaigns and the report of the Department Inspector will show the healthy increase in membership in all the Camps in District Four, particularly the three Camps in Buffalo.

It has not been my purpose to elaborate upon my report to you, but to make it as short and concise as possible, yet enabling me to show you just what has been accomplished in Section Four during the past year.

During all my activities for the Department I have not missed one meeting of my Camp, Bucky O'Neil 15, nor the Joint Buffalo City Board, of which I have been Secretary for the last four years.

In conclusion, I wish to extend to you my most sincere thanks and appreciation for the liberal support you have given me in my efforts to promote the welfare of the Department and organization and I wish to further thank you for the kindly advice you have offered me at times when I most needed counsel.

I also desire to express my appreciation to the Comrades of my district for the support they have given me in all matters pertaining to the upbuilding of the Camps and Department.

And, finally, I wish to convey my thanks and appreciation to the Comrades of the Department of New York for bestowing upon me the honor of representing them as Senior Vice-Department Commander of the Department of New York.

Yours in F., P. & H.,

LEONARD S. SPIRE,

Senior Vice-Department Commander.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

To the Department Commander and Comrades in Encampment Assembled, Utica:

July 17, 18, 19 and 20, 1921.

In accordance with the Rules and Regulations, I herewith submit my report as Junior Vice-Department Commander for the year 1920-1921:

On August 22, I attended the reception given to Department Commander William Lanigan given by Russell Camp of Troy.

October 11, attended a smoker and "feed" given by E. M. Hoffman Camp No. 40, Elmira, N. Y.

On September 22, Thomas H. Barber Auxiliary tendered a reception to Department President Mayo Wilber and myself at the State Armory.

On October 17, attended a Roosevelt anniversary given by the ladies of Thos. H. Barber Auxiliary.

On November 6, I instituted Malabaga Lair, No. 19, Military Order of the Serpent, at Norwich, N. Y.

On November 17, I visited Col. John G. Butler Camp at Syracuse, N. Y.

On January 1, 1921, I visited Moore Camp of Sayre, Pa., and acted as Master of Ceremonies.

On January 3, 1921, attended the annual banquet and installation of officers of Thomas H. Barber Camp No. 3. Senior Vice-Department Commander L. S. Spire was installing officer, I acted as Master of Ceremonies.

On January 14, attended a banquet of Col. Walter Scott Camp at Oneonta.

On January 18, installed the officers of Geo. W. Ray Camp at Norwich.

On January 21, installed the officers of Capt. M. W. Marvin Camp of Walton.

On January 24, installed the officers of E. M. Hoffman Camp, Elmira.

On January 25, in company with the Department Commander, we visited the Bath Soldiers and Sailors' Home at Bath, where we installed the officers, Dept. Commander Lanigan acting as installing officer and myself as Master of Ceremonies. Also inspected the Camp at this time. During the day we were shown through the Home and hospital. Under the supervision of the present Commandant, who is a Spanish War Veteran, conditions at the Home have improved. The Comrades domiciled there are receiving the best of care and plenty of wholesome, nourishing food.

On February 22, Barber Camp presented the tablet of Comrade Theodore Roosevelt to the Binghamton Central High School. This was the first tablet to be presented to the city entertaining the Department Encampment. Past Department Commander Thos. F. Gannon of New York made the presentation speech and

the acceptance was by John Bloomer, a student of the High School. There was a patriotic program carried out which included addresses by Mayor Thomas A. Wilson and Rev. Father Dwyer; singing and recitations by students of the High School. The tablet occupies a conspicuous place in the lobby of the school. It is to be hoped that this presentation will be carried out in every city where the Encampments are held. Comrade Gannon was accompanied from New York by Comrade Chas. Lawrence and Comrade Ben Pierce.

On April 25, inspected E. M. Hoffman Camp of Elmira.

On April 26, visited Utica in company with the Department Commander.

On May 29, in company with forty Comrades of Barber Camp and Barber Auxiliary, we visited the village of Nineveh on invitation of the Community Club of that place. We were treated to a very appropriate patriotic program by the school children after which there were addresses by different Comrades of the Camp and the President of the Community Club. At the conclusion of the program given by the children, Commander Barath of the Camp, presented the club with a flag.

On June 23, I appeared before the Resolutions Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic which held their Encampment in the City of Binghamton with a resolution asking their endorsement of the Civil Service Preference Bill passed at the last session of the State Legislature. We went into the matter very thoroughly, spending more than an hour discussing it from all angles. The committee promised to give the resolution their earnest consideration.

The district over which I have supervision during the past year has had a prosperous year. Every Camp reports gains in membership.

There was sent out from this district 2,900 letters on the Civil Service Preference Bill.

In conclusion, I wish to extend my sincere thanks to Department Commander Lanigan, Senior Vice-Department Commander Spire for the many courtesies extended. I also wish to thank the Comrades for bestowing upon me the office of Junior Vice-Department Commander at the Binghamton Encampment.

Yours in F., P. & H.,

FRANK W. WOOD,

Junior Vice-Dept. Commander.

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT IN CHARGE OF THE NEW YORK OFFICE

*To the Department Commander, William Lanigan, U. S. W. V.,
Department of New York:*

The following report of the business transactions at the New York Headquarters is submitted for your consideration and that of the 18th Department Encampment.

At the outset it will be understood that the New York office under my charge handled and recorded each and all requisitions for supplies from all the Camps throughout the Department since the beginning of my term of office.

All requisitions were promptly and duly acknowledged and filled immediately as fast as stock on hand was concerned, and if requisitions were not filled at once, a communication was forwarded setting forth the reasons for the delay. A large amount of correspondence is on file at this office bearing testimony of this fact from Camp officers throughout the Department, generally acknowledging the efficiency and promptitude of Department business. With the filling of each requisition by parcel post, there went forward in addition, a communication setting forth the contents of the package forwarded as per requisition, and with each requisition forwarded to me there is attached all correspondence pertaining thereto carefully preserved and filed for future reference. Throughout my term of office I have received no complaints regarding the non-delivery of a single package thus forwarded.

All applications for membership forwarded to this office, as well as those mistakenly forwarded to the Department Headquarters at Troy, N. Y., and from there forwarded to the New York office, were promptly acted upon by me and returned at once with the necessary stamp of approval or disapproval, as the case might be. Proper records of such applications and action thereon are recorded and are now on file in the New York office.

During my term, all suspensions, re-instatements, discharges and deaths, together with transfers in and out of the various Camps were duly recorded and filed for easy reference in the card files at this office. Where notices of Death were received by me, same were forwarded to Department Headquarters for insertion in the Department Bulletin. It will be noted that all such records were handled by the New York office.

Correspondence involved in the transaction of Department business is tremendous and is growing, as it is needless to say, and it was my endeavor at all times to make prompt response to all inquiries or other matters requiring replies. However, much labor would be saved if Camp officers would make themselves familiar with the rules and regulations instead of writing Department Headquarters on matters which they could easily learn by reference to the book.

The business of Assistant Department Adjutant cannot for obvious reasons be set forth in detail. This work can only be appreciated and realized by reference to the mass of such material now on file, involving much time, labor and at personal sacrifice.

In the matter of correspondence, reports, etc., many of the Camps are to be complimented for the efficient simplicity of their methods. This means much to the incumbent of this office in the saving of time and postage in the seeking of and giving information. On the whole, I am glad to say that there is co-operation by the Camps throughout the Department of New York in this respect.

The matter of obtaining supplies from National Headquarters at Seattle, Washington, owing to the great distance and time involved in having requisitions delivered and returned has been the source of some dissatisfaction. A permanent office in the East, or otherwise centrally located, would obviously minimize such delays.

I have experienced great pleasure in the comradely and fraternal intercourse which I have had during my term of office with the Camps and their officers everywhere in the Department, and I appreciate much the close friendship born of my official contact with them.

I owe much to the kindly and generous advice and suggestions given me by those who are active in our work in this vicinity, and I herewith express my appreciation to them.

In closing my report, it gives me great pleasure to express my appreciation of your trust and confidence in selecting me to carry on the important business of the New York office under your direction, and I gladly testify further to the generous spirit of co-operation and courtesy you have at all times extended to me during my term of office.

Fraternally,

A. J. CONNOLLY.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR

To Department Commander from Department Inspector. Subject, Annual Inspection of Camps, Department of New York:

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE.—In compliance with the rules and regulations, I respectfully submit to you my Report of Inspections of Camps in the Department of New York, for the term 1920-1921, and by so doing I wish to extend to you my sincere thanks for the Honor you conferred upon me by appointing me Department Inspector.

It affords me great pleasure to announce to you and the Comrades that the Department of New York, is in a very healthy condition both financially and numerically; the activities can be attributed to past legislation, and pending legislation for the veterans. For the past three years I have given the organization my personal attention and observed the activities that had been displayed by

the camps throughout the State; the up the State Comrades are to be congratulated for their excellent work for the organization, the Camps around the vicinity of New York city are also to be congratulated for their fine work and are to be commended very highly.

I personally inspected twelve camps in and around New York city. In some camps I found considerable dissension owing to slanderous talk, jealousy and spitefulness on the part of one Comrade to another; the sooner actions of that sort ceases the better it will be for the Camp and organization.

I also received word from the District Inspectors that the Bulletins which are issued monthly and sent to the Camps for distribution to members in good standing is not being carried out; in some Camps they are only given to the members that attend the meeting and what is left over is destroyed. I would suggest to the Commanders of all Camps to mail those Bulletins to the members when they are sending out notices for their meeting. Circumstances may arise that a Comrade would be unable to attend the meeting and by him receiving the Bulletin he knows exactly what is being done in the organization. The Department is under a very heavy expense in getting this Bulletin together, and it is expected that every member should receive a copy.

I regret very much that more of our Comrades are not uniformed, for the number of men that are in the Camps throughout the State, and the number that are uniformed are very small. The Camps should take this matter under consideration.

Another matter that was called to my notice by several of the District Inspectors is that Camp Commanders fail to reply to communications sent to them. Commanders must bear in mind that such communications when sent should be answered; in failing to do so is a violation of a sacred oath taken when assuming the duties as Commander of the Camp. Every courtesy should be extended to the Inspector as he is the duly designated representative of the Department and is held responsible for the actions of that Camp.

Camp meetings should be made as interesting as possible and when mustering in a new recruit he should be instructed as to the many benefits connected with the organization so as he, in turn, may be able to impart to any eligible with whom he may come in contact.

I cheerfully recommend that the Department maintain the four inspection districts, and that the District Inspectors should be appointed as soon after the convention as possible as it will give them an opportunity to acquaint themselves with the workings of the Camps that will come under their jurisdiction, and that in making assignments inspectors should not be assigned to inspect Camps in their immediate vicinity.

To the District Inspectors I extend to them my sincere thanks, and I deeply appreciate the sacrifices they made for the organization, giving their time and money for a purpose which is not only

beneficial to the Camp but to every member in the organization. I hope that in some future time that I may be of some service to them and can assure those Comrades that I will always be at their command.

In connection with the ratings I wish to state that each District Inspector was given to understand in his instructions that he was the man who saw, and should know the exact rating to be given, and I therefore accepted the following.

I wish to extend to the Department Commander, William Lani-gan, my sincere thanks for the many courtesies shown be during my term of office, also to Assistant Department Adjutant Arthur J. Connolly, in charge of Headquarters at City Hall, New York. I also wish to thank the Chairman of each district for his valuable assistance.

In conclusion I beg to state that it has been a great pleasure for me again to serve as Department Inspector, an office where I have been brought in contact with Comrades from many localities, and the kind treatment accorded me shall always remain with me a very pleasant memory. If I have in any way contributed to the betterment of our organization I shall be content for the effort and work I have done. I do not intend to lessen my interest in our organization but will retire to the ranks fighting for everything that is right and resisting everything that is wrong.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER A. NEALIS,
Department Inspector.

Number of Camps in the Department, 76.

Number of Camps Inspected, 73.

Number of Camps in Good Standing, 75.

No inspection reports received from the following Camp: Lake Shore Camp No. 107, Dunkirk, N. Y.

RATING OF CAMPS

Excellent — Camps 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 49, 53, 56, 58, 59, 60, 73, 78, 80, 83, 84, 86, 87, 90, 98, 99, 100, 106, 66, 107. Total, 52.

Very Good — Camps 19, 23, 24, 25, 36, 69, 75, 85, 94, 105. Total, 9.

Good — Camps 6, 51, 52, 62, 71, 74, 91, 93, 96. Total, 9.

Fair — Camps 21, 48, 103. Total, 3.

Members gained by muster, 410; by reinstatement, 263; total membership, 6,558.

Cash on hand for the year, \$32,841.08.

Value of Camp property, \$30,925.45.

Total worth of Camps, \$63,766.53.

Consolidated Inspection Report enclosed.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT QUARTERMASTER

WILLIAM LANIGAN, *Department Commander, Department of New York, U. S. W. V.:*

SIR.—I have the privilege to present the following report as Department Quartermaster:

Upon entering the duties of Department Quartermaster on July 15, 1921, I did so without departmental experience. It is for the Comrades to decide how well I performed the work of discharging the duties imposed upon me during my brief term as a state official.

Asst. Dept. Quartermaster Fred Schroeder of New York city and Asst. Dept. Quartermaster Edgar H. Spaulding of Saratoga, rendered most valuable assistance in aiding to execute the duties of my office in a most efficient manner and I take this means of expressing my gratitude to those Comrades, together with the Camp Commanders, Camp Quartermasters, also every member of the organization, for the consideration they have shown me as Department Quartermaster.

JOSEPH F. TINNEY,
Department Quartermaster.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT

WILLIAM LANIGAN, *Department Commander, Department of New York, U. S. W. V.:*

SIR.—I have the honor to submit the following report as Department Adjutant for the term ending July 20, 1921:

In assuming the duties of Department Adjutant on July 15, 1920, I did so without previous experience. I leave to the best judgment of my Comrades how well the office has been filled and the work accomplished during my short term.

This year has been a busy period in the history of the organization in this Department. Office hours at Department Headquarters have been regularly maintained and many more hours of labor far in excess of those of former years have been required to keep up with the abundance of work.

In every effort which I have made to keep the work in the perfect form in which it has been conducted in other years, I have had the most loyal, willing and untiring support of Assistant Department Adjutant Arthur J. Connolly, in charge of Branch Headquarters in New York City, who has given many valuable and faithful hours of service at the above named quarters after his own strenuous day's work—all for the interest of the organization. Assistant Department Adjutant John Monseo, of Schenectady, has also ever been ready, willing and untiring in his efforts to assist me in performing the duties of my office. At this time I desire to thank these Comrades. Camp Commanders, Camp Adjutants and all other Comrades of the Department of New York for the respect shown me during the period of my office.

JAMES J. O'CONNOR,
Department Adjutant.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING JUNE 30, 1921

Receipts

Cash in bank	\$340 26
Cash for supplies	208 95
Cash from Camps for per capita tax.....	701 00
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Expenses for the month.....	\$1, 250 21 956 86

Cash in bank, June 30.....	\$293 35
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Disbursements

A. J. Connolly, salary.....	\$50 00
Adjutant-General for charter, Camp 109.....	5 00
Expenses of New York office.....	22 97
Adjutant-General for supplies	49 94
Adjutant-General for supplies	7 65
Adjutant-General for supplies	5 56
Adjutant-General for supplies	10 00
Adjutant-General for supplies	1 00
Adjutant-General for supplies	5 06
Adjutant-General for supplies	4 31
Adjutant-General, per capita tax.....	22 87
Expense of typewriting Binghamton minutes.....	100 00
Department Commander's expenses to Washington	55 00
The Troy Times for printing expense.....	433 50
John F. Fitzpatrick, Chairman Legislative Com..	125 66
Joseph F. McQuade for printing expense.....	3 00
Cash Dr. Balance appearing in Dec. 31, 1920 state- ment, written off	34
Past Dept. Com. Jewel for Comrade Gannon....	55 00
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	\$956 86

JAS. J. O'CONNOR,

Dept. Adjutant.

JOSEPH F. TINNEY,

Dept. Quartermaster.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR PERIOD FROM JULY 23, 1920, TO JULY 1, 1921, COMPARED
WITH THE PERIOD FROM JULY 26, 1919, TO JULY 1, 1920*Receipts*

	July 1 1920	July 1 1921
From past administration	\$610 97	\$564 40
From New York office for supplies.....	1, 054 00	1, 476 66
From Camps for per capita tax.....	1, 601 20	2, 396 16
Refund from National Headquarters...	15 00	11 47
Refund from W. S. Dineen.....	35

Interest on deposit	\$4 90
From Camps reinstated		\$35 00
From charters		50 00
Total receipts	<u>\$3, 286 42</u>	<u>\$4, 533 69</u>

Disbursements

National Headquarters, supplies.....	\$869 21	\$1, 306 34
National Headquarters, per capita tax..	747 00	928 91
Printing and stationery	549 56	820 25
Reporting Convention minutes.....	100 00	100 00
Department Commander's traveling ex- penses	85 00	370 00
Postage	60 35	149 72
Past Commander's jewel	45 00	55 00
Traveling expenses, Jr. Vice Dept. Com.	10 20	9 06
Flowers	10 00	30 00
Telegrams and telephone	10 16	19 40
Miscellaneous	12 00	36 00
Expenses, court martial, Comrade, Mc- Farland, 1917	80 00
Silk banner, honor prize.....	45 00
American Legion Memorial.....	18 75
Badges, National Convention	17 50
Legislative report	14 00
Expenses, cleaning headquarters.....	10 00
National Headquarters, reinstatement Camp 79		5 00
National Headquarters, charters.....		35 00
Department Commander, National En- campment	100 00	100 00
Department Adjutant, salary.....		50 00
Assistant Department Adjutant.....		100 00
John F. Fitzpatrick, Chairman Legisla- tive Committee		125 66
Total Disbursements.....	<u>\$2,783 73</u>	<u>\$4,240 34</u>

Recapitulation

Total receipts.....	\$3,286 42	\$4,533 69
Total disbursements	2,783 73	4,240 34
Balance on hand.....	502 69	293 35

JAS. J. O'CONNOR,

Dept. Adjutant.

JOSEPH F. TINNEY,

Department Quartermaster.

WILLIAM LANIGAN,

Department Commander.

Official:

JAMES J. O'CONNOR,
Department Adjutant.

REPORT OF CHIEF OF STAFF

COMRADE WILLIAM LANIGAN, *Department Commander, Dept. of New York, 23 King St., Troy, N. Y.*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE.—In compliance with your orders, I beg to submit my report as Department Chief of Staff for the term July, 1921.

My appointment as Department Chief of Staff came to me in the nature of a surprise, for I neither sought the office nor expected it. Nevertheless, when I wrote you of my acceptance, also expressing my appreciation for the honor, I had then promised you that I should do all in my power to assist you in improving the condition of our beloved organization wherever possible.

Immediately after assuming the office, I started in to visit as many of the Camps located within the Greater City, for the purpose of getting a general idea as to the exact conditions of the Camps. Many I found in a flourishing condition, others were barely existing, and in most cases where the weak Camps exist, their condition is practically due to the fact that many of them are grouped in the same territory. For instance, in the Borough of Manhattan there are thirteen Camps competing against each other in a limited field. In the Borough of Brooklyn, there are fifteen Camps and the major part of these Camps meet practically in two buildings, working as separate units, competing against one another.

My recommendation is that it would be for the best interest of all concerned and the organization in general, if some of the smaller Camps were merged into one or two healthy Camps and located geographically where they will not compete with one another.

I have also found that the Camps in the five Boroughs plan and carry out separate public functions for a double purpose, first, to try and procure the proper publicity for their separate units; second, to improve their financial conditions. Although I have participated in a considerable number of these functions, with few exceptions, I have yet to see where any of them have accomplished the purpose of their labors. On the other hand, where several Camps have combined in a given project, they have accomplished considerable with less efforts.

To illustrate my point I shall mention the public installation held at the Twelfth Regiment Armory on the 15th of January, 1921, wherein eleven of the Manhattan Camps out of thirteen participated. The affair was an immense success, the attendance was probably as large as was ever assembled at a public gathering in New York City by the United Spanish War Veterans, and the total cost per Camp was less than \$15. And I firmly believe that future affairs of the same nature could be made self-supporting if properly arranged and sufficient publicity given in advance.

The second illustration is the Reception given to our Commander-in-Chief J. K. Witherspoon on March 8, 9 and 10, 1921. When we were first advised of his proposed visit, we had neither the funds nor any given plan as to what the Reception should consist of. At your suggestion when we assembled the Officers of the various Camps in Room 7, City Hall, N. Y., those present agreed to act as a unit for the proper Reception of our distinguished visitor. In a short time there were collected \$300. Out of this we not alone paid all the expenses of our guest, but also paid all legitimate expenses of the various Committees, the arrangements being as elaborate as could be expected, and in fact, exceeded our own expectation. The attendance on the part of the Comrades and the Ladies' Auxiliaries was about 1,000, in spite of inclement weather. The publicity we received from the Press in the City was considerably more than I can recall of having been given in recent years.

So the lesson derived from these two public functions prove that if our successors follow out this plan for united action of the various Camps on a given endeavor, it will cost less, require less effort and success would be assured; and what is most important, that our Organization will reap the benefits through proper publicity and prestige, and eventually the Camps and the individual Comrades will be the gainer.

During my tour of the various Camps, I have discussed with the Comrades the above subject, and with very few exceptions, they have all agreed that the time is ripe for amalgamation of some of the smaller Camps, and I honestly believe that our successors will find this to be an opportune time to take this into consideration, if they coincide with my recommendations.

The following is a complete list of dates showing my activities during the year:

September 8th, attended dinner given to Past Commander-in-Chief William Jones at the Astor Hotel.

September 15th, official visit to Tilly Camp.

September 27th, official visit to Brooklyn Camp.

September 28th, official visit to M. and E. Committee, Manhattan.

September 29th, represented the Department at a conference with city officials at Pennsylvania Hotel.

October 9th, official visit to Gloucester Camp.

October 13th, official visit to Major Frank Keck Camp.

October 18th, official visit to Admiral Schley Camp.

October 20th, official visit to David Wilson Camp.

October 21st, official visit to Defendam Camp.

October 24th, called a conference of all Camp Commanders of Brooklyn at Room 7, City Hall.

October 26th, attended meeting of the M. and E. Committee, Manhattan.

November 3rd, official visit to Abraham Lincoln Camp.

November 5th, official visit to Admiral Phillips Camp.

November 12th, official visit to Wm. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4.
November 13th, official visit to Manhattan Camp No. 1.
November 14th, official visit to Fourteenth Regiment Camp.
November 20th, official visit to Col. John J. Astor Camp.
November 23rd, official visit to Genl. H. W. Lawton Camp.
November 27th, official visit to Col. H. W. Hubbell Camp No. 24.
November 30th, official visit to Griffin Engineers Camp.

December 1st, attended meeting of the M. and E. Committee of Manhattan on public installation.

December 13th, official visit to M. and E. Committee, Brooklyn.

December 14th, attended meeting of M. and E. Committee, Queens.

December 15th, attended meeting of installation of officers.

December 21st, attended meeting of installation of officers.

December 28th, attended meeting of M. and E. Committee, Manhattan.

December 23rd, represented the Department at reception given to the G. A. R. Commander, Hotel Commodore.

January 7th, attended public installation of officers, Fourteenth Regiment Camp.

January 11th, attended meeting of public installation of officers.

January 14th, attended public installation of Hubbell Camp No. 4.

January 15th, attended joint public installation of eleven camps at the Twelfth Regiment Armory.

January 19th, attended installation of officers, J. S. Decker Camp.

January 25th, attended installation of officers, Genl. H. W. Lawton Camp.

January 26th, installed the officers of Capt. W. S. Overton Camp.

January 27th, attended installation of officers, Griffin Engineers Camp.

January 29th, attended installation of officers H. J. Reilly Camp.

February 13th, called meeting of all camp officers and the M. and E. committee officers for the purpose of arranging reception to our Commander-in-Chief.

February 14th, attended meeting of the M. and E. committee, Brooklyn.

February 15th, participated at Maine Memorial services.

February 17th, official visit to Old Guard Camp.

February 20th, called meeting of camp commanders in various camps.

February 23rd, presided over reception committee to arrange for the reception of our Commander-in-Chief.

February 25th and 27th, called meeting of the reception committee.

March 4th and 7th, called meeting of the reception committee.

March 8th, 9th and 10th, received and entertained our Commander-in-Chief, J. K. Witherspoon.

From this date to May 11th, on account of sickness, I had to temporarily cease all my activities.

May 11th, attended meeting of the M. and E. committee, Queens.

May 29th (afternoon), Manhattan M. and E. committee, memorial services at Central Park, N. Y.

May 29th (evening), attended memorial services, Queens.

May 30th, participated in the Memorial Day parade in the Borough of Queens.

June 5th, participated in the Past Department Commander Parker memorial monument unvailing at Evergreen Cemetery.

And in addition to the above, I have as far as possible assisted the Legislative Committee of New York City in their work on the Preference Legislation, and I assuredly intend to continue assiduously to do so until the successful conclusion at the coming election in November.

In conclusion, I wish to state during my entire term of office as Department Chief of Staff, that I am deeply indebted to the Assistant Department Adjutant, Arthur J. Connolly, in charge of the New York office, for his most loyal aid, co-operation and assistance given me in my duties. This in view of the fact that the entire work of the New York office pertaining to the duties of both Adjutant and Quartermaster devolved upon him, and I take great pleasure at this time in expressing my sincere appreciation and thanks for the time he has so cheerfully devoted in assisting me.

I also desire to express my thanks to all the Comrades who have so nobly responded for any aid in assisting me in my official capacity.

It has indeed been a pleasure for me to work under your administration in the past year, for I have always found you both prompt and courteous in all my dealings with you, and I trust that the Comrades will in the very near future show their appreciation for your generous and devoted interests in our organization.

Yours in F., P. and H.,

CHAS. BARKAS,
Department Chief of Staff.

GREETINGS

The White House, Washington D. C., 1141A, July 20, 1921.
 WILLIAM LANIGAN, *Department Commander, U. S. W. V., Utica, N. Y.*:

The President deeply appreciates your generous message of yesterday. He sends his very best wishes to you and to all concerned.

GEO. B. CHRISTIAN, JR.

Albany, N. Y., via. Utica, N. Y., July 23, 1921.

WILLIAM LANIGAN, *23 King St., Troy, N. Y.*:

Please accept my sincere thanks for the cordial greetings expressed in your telegram. Please accept and convey my very best wishes and congratulations to the members of your command.

NATHAN L. MILLER,

Governor of New York.

New York, N. Y., 21, via. Utica, N. Y., July 21, 1921.

WILLIAM LANIGAN, *23 King St., Troy, N. Y.*:

Sec'y Denby out of city; know he will kindly appreciate your greeting and reciprocate fully.

OWEN RIPPEY,

Clerk, Washington.

War Department, Washington, July 21, 1921.

MY DEAR COMMANDER LANIGAN:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of July 19th, and in reply I want to assure you that I greatly appreciate the cordial greetings you send me from the Veterans assembled in convention at Utica.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN W. WEEKS,

Secretary of War.

WILLIAM LANIGAN, *Department Commander, United Spanish War Veterans, State Armory, Utica, N. Y.*

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

WASHINGTON, July 25, 1921.

MY DEAR MR. LANIGAN.—Your telegram of July 19th, conveying the greetings of the Eighteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, came to the office in my absence. It was acknowledged by my clerk, but that does not quite satisfy. I want you to know that I appreciate very much your courtesy and that of the convention, and I thank you kindly.

With best wishes to you and the organization, I am

Very sincerely yours,

EDWIN DENBY.

MR. WILLIAM LANIGAN,
*Department Commander, U. S. W. V.,
State Armory, Utica, N. Y.*

NAVY DEPARTMENT, SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

WASHINGTON, July 21, 1921.

Official.

WILLIAM LANIGAN, *Department Commander, State Armory, Utica,
N. Y.:*

Secretary Denby out of city. Know he will keenly appreciate your greetings and reciprocate fully.

OWEN RIPPEY.

Clerk.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

By PAST COMMANDER HERRICK OF No. 42:

I move you that the reports of the officers be accepted and be referred to the proper committees to take the usual course.

By PAST COMMANDER GANNON:

I would like to make an amendment to that motion. I move you that the reports be received and not accepted until later in the session. Comrades have not had time to inspect their report at this time and I therefore move as an amendment that the acceptance of them be deferred until later in the session.

By PAST COMMANDER HERRICK:

I will accept as an amendment then that the word "received" be substituted for the word "accepted."

By PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

With the word received instead of accepted inserted in the original motion, I will ask you if you are ready for the question?

Question.

Motion unanimously carried.

By PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

Is there anything further under the head of new business?

By READING CLERK COMRADE IRVING COON:

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS,
DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

ALBANY, N. Y., June 25, 1921.

To the Department Commander:

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE.—As Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Department of New York, I herewith submit the following report for the Committee:

The Baumes-Martin bill, Senate No. 83, Assembly No. 223, better known as the Preference bill passed the Senate by a vote of 33 to 14, and passed the Assembly by a vote of 111 to 16. It is now to come before the people of the State of New York for ratification at the next election, this Committee recommends strongly that all comrades in the department keep this in mind and work hard for the success of this preference measure for which we have been waiting so long.

The Gibbs-Brady bill, Senate No. 1217, Assembly No. 1744, appointing the Department Commander on the Board of Trustees of the Soldiers and Sailors' Home passed both houses and was signed by the Governor, becoming part of the Public Building Law, chapter 430, paragraph 60. This bill was introduced at the suggestion of Senior Vice Department Commander Leonard S. Spire.

The bill of Miss M. L. Smith, Assembly No. 461, 916, amending the Military Law in relation to compensation of State and municipal officers and employees returning from military duty, was passed and signed by the Governor, becoming part of the Military Law, paragraph 245, subdivision 3.

This bill in addition to the Baumes-Martin bill gives preference in appointment of veterans in the following order: Civil War veterans, Spanish War veterans and the Insurrection in the Philippines, prior to July 4, 1902, and the World War veterans.

The Lord bill, Senate No. 949, Assembly No. 1078, to amend the State Charities Law, in relation to admission to the New York State Women's Relief Corps Home at Oxford, N. Y., passed both houses, but was included in the Governor's blanket veto without any comments.

This Committee suggest that a resolution be adopted at this convention recommending that the incoming Legislative Committee draft a bill for the retention of the Oxford Home for the use of Spanish War veterans and their widows under the same rules and regulations now in force for the Civil War veterans. It is also recommended that the adjutants of each camp in this department ascertain and report to the Legislative Committee the approximate number of Spanish War veterans and their widows who are eligible for admission to the Home from their respective localities. A bill was introduced by Senator Dewitt and Assemblyman McGinnies to discontinue the Oxford Home but due to the efforts of the veterans' organizations died in committee.

The Carroll bill, Assembly No. 1534, Print No. 1926, providing for medical and surgical treatment in hospitals of veterans at the expense of cities and counties, which was introduced at the end of the session and referred to the Cities Committee was not reported out of said committee. This committee recommends that the same bill be introduced at the next session of the Legislature as it is very beneficial to Spanish War veterans.

This committee wishes to extend their sincere appreciation and thanks to the following for their co-operation in the passage of these bills:

The National Chaplain, Reverend Monsignor Chadwick, the department officers, the commanders and adjutants of the camps of the department, Past Commander Thomas F. Gannon, for his untiring efforts in favor of the preference bill; Comrade Mattocks, editor of the National Tribune of Washington, D. C., and all comrades and their friends who have given their support to this committee; the Ladies' Auxiliary of this department who were active in their co-operation with this committee.

Thanks and appreciation are also extended to the Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the War Veterans Legion and the Women's Relief Corps of the G. A. R. who have worked with us in unity in the passage of veterans' legislation.

The members of the Legislature who introduced and supported our various bills are deserving of our deepest gratitude for their loyal support; Senator Lusk, Senator Baumes and Assemblyman Martin for their great help in securing the passage of the preference bill.

I will also express my sincere appreciation of the valuable aid extended to me by Vice-Chairman Pierce, Comrades James Long and Bart Hunt and their co-workers of New York city. I wish to extend my sincere appreciation and thanks to the secretary, Louis A. Loville, who has rendered this committee invaluable services, and at times worked day and night for the organization.

Very respectfully submitted,

Yours in F., P. and H.,

JOHN J. FITZPATRICK,

Chairman.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION AFFECTING EX-SERVICE MEN PASSED BY THE 1921 LEGISLATURE

The Martin-Baumes resolution providing for an amendment to the State Constitution giving preference in civil service to veterans of all wars. To become part of the Constitution, this will have to be approved by the people in the general election in November.

Chapter 42: Making it a misdemeanor for anyone not a member of the American Legion to wear the American Legion emblem.

Chapter 82: Allowing veteran organizations to use school houses when not otherwise in use, for conducting entertainment to which an admission fee is charged.

Chapter 133: Giving the town boards in every county the right to appropriate not exceeding \$200 for rental of rooms for the G. A. R., Spanish American War Veterans and the American Legion.

Chapter 142: Providing a suitable service ribbon to be given by the State to residents of this State who served in the military or naval service of the United States during the World War.

Chapter 143: Making it a misdemeanor for anyone not entitled thereto to wear any badge or insignia of any sort issued by the United States, the State of New York or any of the countries with which we were allied.

Chapter 169: Exempting real property purchased with proceeds of the pension, bonus, insurance granted by the United States or the State of New York for military or naval service.

Chapter 283: Giving town and village boards the right to appropriate money for erection of memorials to those who served in any wars.

Chapter 315: Providing for the commission to pay out the bonus.

Chapter 326: Authorizing cities of the third class to appropriate not exceeding \$600 for Memorial day observances.

Chapter 344: Making the sum of \$25,000,000 immediately available for the payment of the bonus.

Chapter 421: Allowing counties and cities to erect memorial buildings and monuments.

Chapter 428: Making it a misdemeanor to use the American flag for a receptacle for the placing, depositing or collecting of money or any other article.

Chapter 430: (Including the Department Commander of the United Spanish War Veterans one of the board of trustees of the New York Soldiers and Sailors' Homes.)

Chapter 522: Increasing the amount to be paid for headstones for indigent soldiers' graves from \$50 to \$75.

Chapter 589: Providing that where a State or municipal employee while in service would have been eligible to promotion or to take promotion examinations, upon return, he shall be given

such examination and upon passing receive the salary equal to the medium amount for such grade and shall thereafter be preferred for promotion in that grade.

Chapter 590: Providing that any State officer or employee who entered the military service after the declaration of war without consent of the Governor shall have the same rights as though he had obtained such consent.

Chapter 607: Exempting from taxation real estate owned by associations of honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines devoted to patriotic and charitable purposes.

Chapter 619: Giving the police commissioner of New York city power to re-hear charges of dismissed New York city policemen who served in the military or naval service of the United States during the World War.

Chapter 648: Incorporating the State Veterans Relief fund with Legion men as the incorporators to assist the New York State needy veterans of the World War and their dependents.

Chapter 652: Providing for restoration of former civil service employees who entered the federal military service and where such employees resigned their position to enter federal military service.

Chapter 654: Providing that where a man in the federal military service was notified of his appointment to a position in the State civil service and another was appointed due to his inability to accept, the time of the appointment of any other person to such employees resigned their position to enter federal military service, entitling such veteran to all the rights of pension, privilege or immunity except compensation for such period.

Chapter 666: Providing that each teacher in the State shall receive a certificate of qualifications which shall among other things show that such teacher is loyal to the government of the United States.

Chapter 702: Granting preference to disabled veterans in civil service examinations or original appointment with the proviso that all veterans shall receive the same credit for their service and where a veteran and a non-veteran receive the same mark the veteran must receive the appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. FITZPATRICK,

Chairman Legislative Committee.

BY READING CLERK COMRADE IRVING COON:

ALBANY, N. Y., *June 25, 1921.*

Department of New York United Spanish War Veterans

Dr. to

John J. Fitzpatrick,
Chairman Legislative Committee.

Money advance in payment of the following items
necessary in the transaction of official business
of the Legislative Committee during the term:

Postage	\$36 00
Telephone charges	20 91
Telegrams	18 75
Mimeograph, typewriting and addressing, carbon, stencils, etc.	30 00
Incidentals, expenses	20 00

Total	\$125 66
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BY READING CLERK COMRADE IRVING COON:

I move you at this time that if this bill is found correct that it shall be paid.

BY DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

That bill is already paid.

BY COMRADE FAGAN, CAMP No. 41:

I would like to ask the Chairman in reference to a bill that was mentioned there about permitting the use of schools for entertainment purposes where a fee is charged. I want to ask if that includes Spanish War Veteran organizations. What I am getting at is that I would like to know is about the securing of armories for the use of the Veterans when not otherwise occupied for uses of entertainment. At the present time in New York City we are charged one hundred or two hundred dollars for the use of the Armory. If I may be advised I would like to introduce a resolution to that effect.

BY DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

If there is no objection, the report of the Chairman of the Legislative Committee will be referred to the proper committee also. There being no objection it is ordered.

BY COMRADE SNYDER OF 53:

COMRADES.—I wish to announce for your benefit the handling of transportation from Utica and the return traffic. I have just returned from the station where I have been closeted with the Station Master and I have spent one hour and forty-five minutes in that office discussing what should be done to facilitate the handling of these certificates, both for our benefit and for the benefit of the railway. I have come to the conclusion that in order to facilitate matters, these certificates must be turned in as promptly as they

possibly can; that they in turn may be turned over to the railway company in order for them to make up their tickets in connection with these certificates to the proper destination in order that confusion may not occur at the station, whereby you would have to spend any unnecessary time to get your tickets. These certificates must be signed, both on the face of the certificate and on the lower corner on the back of the certificate. Now, Comrades, before turning in these certificates to me, look and see whether you have signed both sides of the certificate in order to help me in my task. You recollect that last year over three days was taken up in the handling of the certificates.

Now, please, Comrades, give me an opportunity of having some time on the Convention floor and make it as easy as possible for yourself and me. See to it that the certificates are signed on both sides. When all those certificates are signed they will be delivered to the Union depot on Wednesday in time, some time during the day. During the day you can obtain the ticket for your return passage from my office, no I don't mean to say my office, I mean to say that my office will be at the end or rather the front of the Armory as you come in, and I hope, Comrades, you will get the certificates to me as quickly as possible.

BY READING CLERK COMRADE IRVING COON:

I move you at this time that the report of the Historians be a part of the minutes without having it read and be printed in the proceedings.

Motion seconded and carried.

Historian Manhattan Camp No. 1, Dept. N. Y., U. S. W. V.
434 West 164th Street, New York City.

June 30, 1920.

COM. CHARLES A. STROMDAHL, *Historian Dept. N. Y., U. S. W. V.:*

DEAR COMRADE.—In reply to your interesting communication of May 21st relative to exercises in which the Camp participated, I have the honor to report that Manhattan Camp No. 1, Department of New York, has since the department encampment of 1920 officially participated in the following notable exercises:

(1) Exercises in commemoration of the birthdays of our great departed Ex-President, Comrade Theodore Roosevelt, October 27, 1920. (2) Late President, Comrade William McKinley, Jan. 29, 1921. (3) Late President, Abraham Lincoln, February 12, 1920. (4) Late Ex-President, George Washington, February 22, 1921.

Other functions were October 16, 1920, annual banquet and reception of Man. Camp. Children's Christmas tree party on December 20, 1920. Flag Day exercises on June 14, 1921.

The above exercises and functions were conducted by the head of the Camp at 127 Columbus Ave., New York City.

The camp also participated in the joint installation of the twelve camps of Manhattan Borough and of the officers of the Memorial and Executive Committee of the County of New York at the

Twelfth Regiment Armory, Columbus Ave. and Sixty-seventh St., on January 15, 1921. The camp conducted its annual competitive drill, review and reception at the Twelfth Regiment Armory on May 15, 1921. The Camp participated in the decoration of the Maine monument on February 14, 1921.

The Camp also took part in Memorial Day parade, and also in many memorial exercises held during the weeks preceding Memorial Day, including the Military Mass of Gloucester Naval Camp, and the services of Russell Camp at the Naval Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Trusting that this will prove a satisfactory statement of the activities of the Camp during the past year, I remain,

Yours in F., P. and H.,

LUKE FLANAGAN.

BY READING CLERK COMRADE IRVING COON:

I move at this time that the same proceedings prevail with reference to the reports of the Patriotic Instructor.

BY DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR:

As Department Patriotic Instructor, I ask that this report be read for the knowledge of those who do not understand patriotic work. I gave due consideration to my appointment and was of considerable pains to make out this report and for the benefit of those who do not know what this work is about, I appeal to this convention that this report be read.

BY READING CLERK COMRADE IRVING COON:

Owing to the fact that I do not wish to have any of the efforts of the department officers thrown away, I respectfully withdraw my motion.

BY COMRADE AMEY (No. 4):

I move at this time that absolutely no reports be read. There is a resolution on the minutes of the Convention which says department officers' reports shall be printed. We are wasting time. Every time you come to a convention someone is lax and has not sent in his report.

(At this point a comrade arose and asked for a point of order.)

BY READING CLERK COMRADE IRVING COON:

The stenographer has just told me that it is a very difficult thing to get the names on the minutes, unless they mention their names and the Camp which they represent.

BY DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

The regular procedure has been, as far as I can find from past reports, that these reports are all printed in the annual proceedings.

BY COMRADE AMEY (No. 4):

The waste in time in listening to the reports is what I mean. Why not have them printed and submitted to us? I move you that no further reports be read at this Convention.

BY COMRADE DONOVAN (No. 33):

I insist that the Patriotic Instructor be heard.

BY DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

There is a motion regularly made and seconded that no reports of the committees be read. You have heard the motion, are you ready for the question?

COMRADE FREDE:

It seems to me that the Patriotic Instructor comes above everything in this organization, and we want it understood that —

BY PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER GANNON:

All of this talk and debate is of no avail because both of you gentlemen are talking in opposite directions.

Comrade Amey has made a motion that no further reports be read, your report has been read and Comrade Amey simply suggested that no further reports be read today.

That is all.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

You have heard the motion, are you ready for the question?
Question.

Motion carried and so ordered.

ALBANY, N. Y., *June 30, 1921.*

From: Department Patriotic Instructor

To: Department Commander

Subject: Annual Report.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE.—Having been appointed Department Patriotic Inspector in accordance with Bulletin No. 1, Department of New York, dated July 31, 1920, in assuming this office my first duty was to study the work outlined for me by going over the work of my former comrades who held this office, in the proceedings of 1915 of our Encampment, I found for my information and guide, the report of Past Patriotic Inspector, Comrade Walter V. McCoy, just what was needed for my start, and trying to the best of my ability I have followed his advice, at all times attending patriotic meetings, and putting forth in the Department Bulletin, calling attention to the days which are worthy of especial commemoration. I have tried to wake up the Camp Patriotic Instructor by sending out the following circular letter to all the Camps in the Department:

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION

Circular No. 1.

January 24, 1921.

ESSAY ON THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR.

It is recommended by the Department Patriotic Instructor that, the Camp Patriotic Instructor, through their respective camps arrange with the superintendent of public and parochial schools in their locality the proposition of offering a prize of \$10 in gold to

children of the eighth grade for writing the best essay on the "Spanish American War;" this idea has already been accomplished by a few camps in the Capitol District, and should be taken up by all camps in the department. Judges on these essays can be appointed through each camp to judge their own locality, and at the conclusion, after the prize has been awarded, the copy of the essay with the name of the boy or girl who has been awarded, the prize can be forwarded to the department patriotic instructor, William S. Fredenrich, 176 State street, Albany, N. Y., so that the names of the winners, and the camp giving the prize can be published in the Department General Orders.

EVENTS IN OUR NATION'S HISTORY

The following dates for commemoration is herewith published so that the camp patriotic instructor will arrange for the necessary services to be held by their respective camps. It is not necessary that the services or commemorations be held on the particular date, which it is designed to honor, as the dates, coming so close together, arrangements should be made, so as to hold fitting memorial observances on the one date, by the idea of having a special or regular meeting to which the public can be invited, men of standing in the community can be requested to speak and as much publicity as possible be given the fact that the U. S. W. V. camp proposes to celebrate the events in our nation's history. Wherever camps should combine so that the largest possible gathering be had. February 12, Lincoln's birthday; February 15, Maine Memorial day; February 22, Washington's birthday.

By order of Department Commander, William Lanigan.

WILLIAM S. FREDENRICH, *Patriotic Instructor.*

From which I have received the following replies:

April 15, 1921, Admiral Cook Camp No. 69 of Haverstraw awarded a prize of \$10 as first prize on an essay of the Spanish American War, which was won by Price Crispell of the Haverstraw Union School.

ADMIRAL COOK CAMP, No. 69, U. S. W. V.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

HAVERSTRAW, N. Y., *April 5, 1921.*

DEPT. PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, WILLIAM S. FREDENRICH, *Albany, N. Y.:*

DEAR SIR.—Inclosed find the prize winning essay on the Spanish-American War, which was won by Price Crispell, a son of one of our Comrades of this Camp.

This matter was taken up with the principal of Haverstraw Union School and received with enthusiasm by the pupils, the prize being \$10.

Trusting that this meets with your approval, I am in F., P. & H.,

ALVAH J. JOCKMUSEN,

Adjutant.

THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR

In the year 1897 there was much dissatisfaction caused by the treatment of the Cubans by their mother country, Spain; so much so that they resorted to guerilla warfare. Some of the Cubans came to America, became citizens and then returned and fought with the revolutionists. This made the Spanish Governor of Cuba so angry that he issued an order saying that if passengers were found on ships carrying provisions to the revolutionists they would be executed immediately. The United States did not like this, because if any American citizens were found on a ship they would be killed. At the advice of our Minister in Cuba the United States sent the battleship *Maine* to Cuba. The presence of the *Maine* so increased the feeling of antagonism that a few months later the *Maine* was blown up in Havana harbor, with a loss of two officers and two hundred and fifty-eight men. On investigation it was found that there had been one external and one internal explosion. President McKinley asked for an armistice, but Spain would not grant it unless Cuba agreed, which she refused to do. On the anniversary of the battle of Lexington, Congress passed four resolutions, the first three pledging aid and the fourth saying that the United States would stand by Cuba until she established a firm government. The day following this act of Congress the Spanish Minister asked for his passports and the next day the United States Minister asked for his.

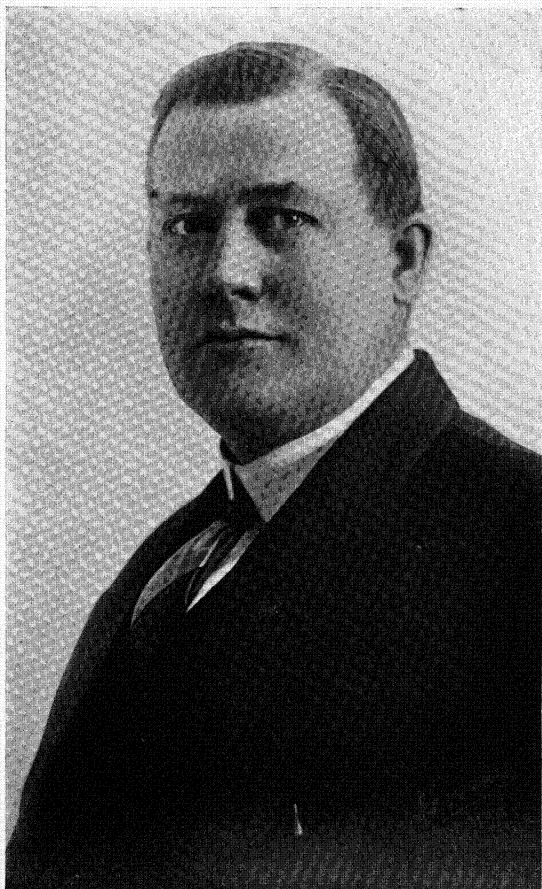
Dewey, who was in command of the Pacific Fleet at Honk Kong, was ordered to capture or destroy the Spanish Fleet in Manila Bay. He went there and sailed up the harbor where he discovered the Spanish Fleet, which he destroyed without the loss of a man or ship. For this victory Dewey was made rear admiral and later admiral. He sent a message to Congress saying that if he had some soldiers he could capture Manila. In June 30 troops came and captured Manila.

Schley had orders to go to Santiago and capture or destroy Cervera's Fleet. Arriving at Santiago he failed to see the fleet, because it was hidden behind headlands. Finding the water too rough to coal his ships from the collier that was with him Schley started to go to Key West, but when he was forty miles out he had orders to return and blockade the entrance to Santiago.

Hobson was ordered to sink the *Merrimac* in the entrance to the harbor, but the rudder being shot away the ship sank lengthwise instead of crosswise in the channel. He and the men that were with him were captured after they had been in the water all night.

General Wheeler, in command of the American Army in Cuba, led an attack on Santiago. Roosevelt and his company of "Rough Riders," also a colored regiment, captured San Juan hill, from which vantage point they could see Santiago. The army surrounded the city and in a few weeks captured it.

Soon after the fall of Santiago Cervera was captured and his



FRANK W. WOOD
Junior Vice Department Commander



ships sunk. General Miles set out and won victory after victory in the southern part of Cuba, but his activities were cut short by news of an armistice.

For several years before the United States became interested in the Philippines, the people were very rebellious, and reduced the Spanish authority to nullity. The Spanish government took tracts of the best land and their rule was harsh. The people presented their grievances and took up arms when their demands were refused. The entire island with the exception of Manila and some other large cities defied Spanish rule. The authorities offered a bribe if the people would stop fighting. This worked for a while, but soon Aguinaldo had a strong force working around Manila. At midnight on February 4, Aguinaldo led an attack on Manila, and it took three days for the American troops to subdue the assault. Aguinaldo eluded his pursuers and went to the mountain, from here he directed the fighting. Later it was learned that he was at Palanan in the mountains of Isabella Province. General Funston and four American officers, also some friendly natives, gained access to his house and captured him. He was taken to Manila where he was kept for some time, then he was sent into exile. The war did not cease for a year. The first government of the Philippine Islands was military. Later they established a firmer government.

After the war the army was an army of convalescents, because most of the men had typhoid and malarial fever. There were many typhus fever cases due to the unsanitary conditions and lack of proper nursing and medicine. The men were all crowded together in tents, and if one man died the other men had to watch him carried out. The worst camp was Camp Black on Long Island.

The four results of the Spanish-American War were: First, an increase in territory and responsibility for the United States; second, it showed the "unpreparedness" of the United States for war; third, it strengthened the union between the North and the South; fourth, it made the United States recognized as a world power.

March 12, 1921, Marcus D. Russell Camp No. 2 of Troy awarded a prize of \$10 as first prize, which was won by Irving Gifford of St. Augustine Academy, Troy.

M. D. RUSSELL CAMP, NO. 2, U. S. W. V.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

Irving Gifford, first prize, St. Augustine's Academy, North Troy.

EVENTS HAPPENING DURING THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR

In 1898 war between the United States and Spain was declared. This highly important conflict was due to a concurrence of circumstances by which this country was forced to draw the sword to uphold its national honor and in retribution for the horrors of

the Spanish rule in Cuba, an island close to our territory, whose long record of wrongs had for years appealed to the United States.

The steadiness with which Cuba clung to the mother country gave her the title "Ever Faithful Isle." Had she received any consideration at all she would have still held fast and when other colonies revolted she refused to turn her affections into hate, but Spain still persisted until Cuba could stand no more.

The first revolutionary movement took place in 1868, the Cubans availing themselves of an uprising in Spain against the hated Queen Isabella. The Cubans formed secret societies and made an unsuccessful attempt to overthrow the Spanish government. The war that followed lasted ten years with varying fortunes but all that Cuba won was promise of reform.

The methods used by General Weyler, a Spanish general, make a tale of horror. He spread ruin and destruction over the land, collecting the noncombatants into camps and under the guns of his troops left them to starve. More than a hundred thousand are said to have starved.

Matters were in this state of extreme tension when the *Maine* was blown up while quietly laying at anchor in the harbor of Havana, having been sent thereto to look after American interest. It was utterly destroyed by an explosion which killed two hundred and sixty-four men and two officers. It was suspected that a submarine mine, planted by Spanish hands, did the deed, but it was never proved what caused the explosion. President McKinley however asked for our consular representative to leave Cuba.

At this time America was unprepared for war on land and sea. Seventy-five thousand men were called for and this was increased to one hundred and twenty-five thousand. The massing of men and stores was rapidly begun throughout the country on April 27th, following the declaration of war on the 25th.

Admiral Sampson blockaded the harbor of Havana and while reconnoitering in the vicinity of Matanzas Bay, Cuba, he discovered the Spanish forces building earthworks and ventured so close in efforts to investigate that a challenging shot was fired from the fortifications, Rubal Cava. Admiral Sampson quickly formed the *New York*, *Cincinnati*, and *Puritan* into a triangle and opened fire with eight-inch guns. The action was very spirited on both sides for about eighteen minutes, in which time the Spanish batteries were silenced and the earthworks destroyed, without one casualty on the American side though shells burst dangerously near the *New York*. The last shot fired by the Americans was from the *Puritan's* thirteen-inch gun, which landed in the very center of the fort and exploding, thoroughly destroyed the earthworks. This was the first action of the war, though it could hardly be dignified with the name of battle.

It was thought that the next engagement would be at Morro Castle, at Havana, but the unexpected often happens in war. In the Phillippines, on the other side of the world, the first real battle, the battle of Manila occurred.

On April 25th the following dispatch of eight potent words was cabled to Commodore Dewey, on the coast of China: "Capture or destroy the Spanish fleet at Manila." "Never were," said James Gordon Bennett, "instructions more effectively carried out." Within seven hours after arriving on the scene of action nothing remained to be done.

It was on the 27th that Dewey sailed from Mirs Bay, China, and on the night of the 30th he lay before Manila Bay. Under cover of darkness, with all lights extinguished, he daringly steamed into this unknown harbor, which he believed to be strewn with mines. At daybreak he engaged the Spanish fleet. The issue of this battle meant victory, Spanish dungeons, or the bottom of the sea. "Keep cool and obey orders," was the order he gave to his fleet. The Americans had seven ships: *Baltimore*, *Raleigh*, *Petrel*, *Olympia*, *Concord*, *Boston*, and the dispatch boat the *McCullough*. Then came the order to fire. The Spaniards had eleven ships: *Reine Christina*, *Castilla*, *Don de Duero*, *Cano*, *Velasco*, *Don Antonio de Ulloa*, *Isla de Luzon*, *Isla de Cuba*, *General Lezo*, *Isla de Mindamno*, and a transport. From the beginning, Commodore Dewey fought on the offensive. After the manner of Nelson and Farragut, he directed his fire upon the strongest ships first, and though the Spanish ships were under the protection of the batteries he sunk one after another in about five hours. The Spanish loss was about one thousand men killed and wounded, while on the American side not a ship was even seriously damaged and not a single man killed outright, only six were wounded.

More than a month after the battle, Captain C. B. Gridley, commander of the *Olympia*, died from a wound received when a gun was discharged in the wrong way.

On May 2d Commodore Dewey cut the cable connecting Manila with Hong Kong and destroyed the fortifications at the entrance to Manila Bay and took possession of the naval station at Cavite. This was to prevent the communication between the Philippines and the government at Madrid. The battle of Manila demonstrated that a fleet of heavier guns was not equal to a fleet of lighter metal.

On May 31st Commodore Schley opened fire on the fortifications at the mouth of the harbor of Santiago which lasted about half an hour. This was for the purpose of discovering the location and strength of the batteries, some of which were concealed, and in this he was completely successful. Two of the batteries were silenced and the Spaniard's flagship, which took part in the engagement, was damaged. The Americans received no injury to vessels and no loss of men.

On June 1st Admiral Sampson arrived before Santiago and relieved Commodore Schley of the chief command of the forces, then consisting of sixteen warships.

Admiral Sampson was a cautious commander and was afraid that Admiral Cervera might slip out of the harbor and escape. So he asked for volunteers to run a vessel in and sink it at the entrance

to the bay, which was very narrow, and so prevent his escape. Lieutenant R. P. Hobson, a naval engineer volunteered with seven others.

At 3 A. M., June 3d, he sailed with the United States ship *Merrimac*, a vessel with six hundred men on board, and started with the purpose of sinking it in the channel. The forts opened fire and the rudder of the *Merrimac* was carried away and the boat drifted with the tide. The sea doors were opened and the torpedoes were exploded by the crew and the vessel sank quickly, but not in a position to choke the channel. The Spaniards were impressed by the bravery of Hobson and his men and sent a boat to capture them. They were treated with the greatest kindness possible and were confined in Morro Castle for some days, when they were removed to a place of greater safety, until they were exchanged on July 7th.

On June 13th the troops began to leave Tampa and Key West for operations against Santiago, and on June 20th the transports arrived off the city. Two days later General Shafter landed his army of sixteen thousand men at Daiquiri, a short distance east of the entrance of the harbor, with a loss of only two men, and these by accident.

One June 24th the force under General Shafter reached Juaragua and the battle by land was really begun. Lieutenant-Colonel Roosevelt's Rough Riders under Command of Colonel Wood discovered about two thousand men (Spaniards) hidden on top of a wooded hill. The troops advanced and for an hour held their position in the midst of an unseen force. At length seeing their only way of escape was by dashing boldly at the hidden foe and drive them from the hill, they charged. The Americans had sixteen killed and fifty-two wounded. The Spanish had nearly one hundred killed and wounded.

The battle of El Caney was fought for the purpose of gaining a position from which the enemy could be bombarded if necessary. In all the Americans were entirely successful. The battle began at 6:40 A. M. and at 4 P. M. the Spaniards abandoned their position.

The battle of San Juan was opened by Grimes' battery, to which the enemy replied with shrapnel. The American army advanced up the valley and forded several streams. All this time they were under fire. The enemy, firing the smokeless powder, could not be seen, and the Americans lost heavily. At last they were in a position to charge, which they did. The last charge continued an hour, after which the firing ceased with San Juan in our possession.

On Sunday morning, July 3d, Admiral Cervera endeavored to run his fleet past the blockade with the result that all his ships were destroyed. This naval engagement was the most important and terrible in all the history of conflict upon the seas.

On July 8th General Miles arrived reinforcing General Shafter's army with over six thousand men. General Miles demanded the

surrender of the city of Santiago, but the Spaniards refused. A bombardment was begun and continued until the afternoon of the second day, when a flag of truce was raised over the city. It was thought that General Toral was about to surrender but was only asking for more time. At last, on July 14th, General Miles and Shafter gave up the city on condition that the Spanish army be returned to Spain, at America's expense. General Toral surrendered. On July 25th the American army arrived at Cavite, on the 31st they were attacked by three thousand Spaniards, whom they repulsed.

During the latter part of July the Spanish government, through M. Jules Cambon, the French Ambassador, asked the United States to cease hostilities. On July 30th a statement presenting President McKinley's views was accepted by cable. A few days later, the 12th, the French Ambassador was authorized to sign the protocol for Spain, and the signatures were affixed the same afternoon at the White House.

The main points of the protocol were: First, that Spain will relinquish all claim of sovereignty over the title to Cuba. Second, that Porto Rico and other Spanish islands in the West Indies and one island in the Ladrões, to be selected by the United States, shall be ceded to the latter. Third, that the United States will occupy and hold the city, bay, and the harbor of Manila pending the conclusions of a treaty of peace, which shall determine the control, the disposition and government of the Philippines. Fourth, that Cuba, Porto Rico, and other Spanish islands in the West Indies shall be immediately evacuated and that commissioners be appointed within thirty days, who shall within thirty days meet at Havana and San Juan, respectively, to arrange and execute the evacuation. Fifth, that the United States and Spain will each appoint not more than five commissioners to negotiate and conclude a treaty of peace. The commissioners are to meet at Paris not later than October 1st. Sixth. On the signing of the treaty all fighting was to stop and notice to that effect be given as soon as possible to the commanders of its military and naval forces.

On December 10, 1898, the Peace Treaty was signed by the United States and Spanish commissioners. In a brief conclusion, let me remark, this treaty changed the political geography of the world by establishing the United States authority in both hemispheres and also in the tropics, where it had never before existed. It also brought under our domain new obligations towards a strange and widely different people, who had little or no knowledge of liberty and government as measured by the American's standard.

The outcome of the war with Spain gave an extraordinary impetus to the great west, which thenceforth assumed a new position — that of a world power, a leading factor in the concert of nations, a leading element in the parliament of the world.

March 30, 1921. D. J. Johnson Camp No. 74 of Cohoes awarded a prize of \$10 which was won by Miss Gertrude Belanger of St. Joseph's Academy, Cohoes.

D. J. JOHNSON CAMP, No. 74, U. S. W. V.

COHOES, N. Y., April 4, 1921.

COMRADE WILLIAM S. FREDENRICH, *Department Patriotic Instructor, United Spanish War Veterans, 176 State Street, Albany, N. Y.:*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE.—Complying with your request in circular on Patriotic Instruction, dated January 24, 1921, I desire to report that this Camp, on March 30th, at its regular meeting, awarded a prize of \$10 to Miss Gertrude Belanger, student in St. Joseph's Academic School, Cohoes, N. Y., for writing the best essay on the Spanish-American War, a copy of which essay is herewith enclosed.

Respectfully yours in F. P. & H.,

GEORGE W. ANDREW,

Adjutant, D. J. Johnston Camp, No. 74, U. S. W. V., Cohoes, N. Y.

THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR

Some of the most remarkable and honorable pages in the history of our country are those of the Spanish-American War.

For a time there had been many rebellions in Cuba. The Cubans asked the Americans to help them in their struggle against Spain. These rebellions became more and more numerous every day till they led the American people to believe that the Cubans were unjustly treated by the Spaniards. When asked to help the ill-treated people of Cuba the Americans declined to do so, as they were now at peace with Spain.

To protect American interests the battleship *Maine* was sent to Havana. This ship was mysteriously blown up on the night of February 15, 1898. Of the crew 260 men were killed. The squadron under the command of Commodore Dewey was sent to Manila to destroy the Spanish fleet.

Just as the sleeping Pequots did not think of danger till the burning torches were thrown over the palisades, so also the Spaniards did not dream of the danger that lurked around their shores. Therefore they did not take measures to protect themselves against their foe.

In the battle of Manila the skill of the Americans was shown, as they lost neither a ship nor a man, while the Spanish fleet was utterly destroyed.

In the meantime our army forces had landed in the east. Theodore Roosevelt, in the command of his Rough Riders, met the enemy at San Juan Hill and drove them back into Santiago.

Spain, after so many defeats, was glad to sign a peace treaty with the United States at Paris, December 10, 1898. This treaty ceded to the United States the Guam and Philippine Islands and

Porto Rico. Since this treaty Cuba has always been a republic. May this brief review of the Spanish-American War show the children of this century the bravery and skill of the American soldiers and sailors and engrave in their minds the glorious memory of this famous war.

May 30, 1921. Captain F. R. Palmer Camp 28 awarded \$15 in prizes which were won by the following: First prize, \$8, to Wallace H. Strevell, 12 years old, School 4, essay on "Dewey and the Germans in Manila Bay." Second prize, \$5, to Velma Sanford, 13 years old, School 21, essay on "Creation of the United States Army for the War with Spain." Third prize, \$2, to Clark E. Mansion, 14 years old, School 21, essay on "The Marines at Guatanamo."

The first prize was presented at the Memorial Day exercises before the four higher grades and the second and third prizes were presented to the winners in their class rooms by the Patriotic Instructor of the Camp.

There was many other camps who held similar contests but failed to send in their reports.

The following camps have held and observed the Patriotic dates, of which I have received clippings from their local newspapers, and are to be congratulated for their good work: Albany Camp, No. 28; Troy Camp, No. 2; Utica Camp, No. 33; Buffalo Camp, No. 12, 15 and 17; Elmira Camp, No. 40; Schenectady Camp, No. 11; Cohoes Camp, No. 74; and many others which I know of although I have not received any reports.

BUFFALO, N. Y., June 5, 1921.

Department Patriotic Instructor, Past Commander, WM. S. FREDENRICH, Albany, N. Y.:

DEAR COMRADE.—As Patriotic Instructor, Bucky O'Neill Camp, No. 15, Department of New York United Spanish War Veterans, I wish to make the following report of the patriotic work accomplished by our Camp during my term of office from July 1, 1920, to July 1, 1921:

On October 29th, 1920, at the Camp Meeting Hall, we observed the anniversary of the birth of our late comrade, statesman, writer, and President, Theodore Roosevelt, and an address was given by Fred. C. Le Vine, Patriotic Instructor of the Camp.

On January 29, 1921, services were held in the rotunda of the City and County Hall to commemorate the anniversary of the birth of our late martyred commander-in-chief, President William McKinley. The speakers were Honorable George S. Buck, Mayor of Buffalo; Councilman Frank C. Perkins; Robert C. Palmer, chairman of the board of supervisors; Comrade Joseph W. Grosvenor of Post 254, Grand Army of the Republic; Past Commander-in-Chief Hamilton Ward, United Spanish War Veterans, and Colonel William R. Pooley, County Chairman, American Legion. Commander Frank J. Schreiber of Bucky O'Neill Camp was

master of ceremonies. Observances were also held at the Camp Hall and an address was given by the Camp Patriotic Instructor.

On February 12, 1921, at the Camp Meeting Hall, an address was given by the Camp Patriotic Instructor in memory of our martyred President, Abraham Lincoln.

On February 15, 1921, the blowing up of the battleship *Maine* was observed at the Camp Meeting Hall. Address also given by Camp Patriotic Instructor.

On February 22, 1921, services were held at the Camp Hall in honor of the Father of our Country, the first President of the United States, George Washington.

On March 12, 1921, at the 74th Infantry, N. Y. G., the Camp attended the presentation of 27th Division citations by Brigadier-General Edgar S. Jennings.

On Sunday, May 29, 1921, the Camp attended memorial services at Elmwood Music Hall, held under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic.

On Monday, May 30, 1921, Memorial Day, we assisted in decorating the graves of our honored dead, under the direction of the Buffalo Joint City Board; also participated in the memorial parade, after which a dinner was given to the boys of '98 by Bucky O'Neill Auxiliary, No. 9, and enjoyed by all. Refreshments were also served by the entertainment committee.

On Sunday, June 5th, the Camp attended the memorial exercises by strewing flowers on the waters of Lake Erie from the Crystal beach boat in honor of those comrades who died at sea, held under the auspices of the auxiliaries of Buffalo, N. Y.

On June 14, 1921, Flag Day, the Camp took part in the exercises held at sunrise under the auspices of the Scottish Rites. Salutes were fired at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, McKinley Monument, Hiker Monument, and the Liberty Pole. Breakfast was served to all who attended by George K. Stabells of the Scottish Rites. In the evening, we also took part in the Flag Day exercises held at the Front under the auspices of Buffalo Lodge, No. 23, B. P. O. Elks. The speakers were Leslie A. Pease of Dunkirk, N. Y., and W. R. Cullen.

Yours in F., P. and H.,

Comrade FRED. C. LEVINE,

*Patriotic Instructor of Bucky O'Neill Camp, No. 15,
Department New York, United Spanish War Veterans.*

ALBANY, N. Y., June 25, 1921.

From: Patriotic Instructor, Capt. Frank R. Palmer, Camp No. 28, U. S. W. V.

To: Patriotic Instructor, Dept. of New York, U. S. W. V.

Subject: Semi-Annual Report, June 30, 1921.

In accordance with the suggestion received from the Department Patriotic Instructor, Capt. Frank R. Palmer, Camp No. 28,

conducted an essay contest open to eighth grade pupils in the public and parochial schools of the City of Albany on topics connected with the Spanish-American War. Fifteen dollars was given by the Camp for cash prizes. The topics and other details of the contest are shown by accompanying circular. The papers were marked separately by each of the three judges, who were: Dr. Charles F. Wheelock, Commissioner for Secondary Education, State Education Department; Mr. Alwin C. Quentel, President of the Albany Americanization Council; Mr. Truscott C. Goode, late editor of *Motordom*.

The successful contestants, age, school, and subjects were: First prize, Wallace H. Strevell, 452 Hudson Ave., 12 years, School 4, on "Dewey and Germans in Manila Bay." Second Prize, Velma Sanford, 595 Central Ave., 13 years, School 21, on "Creation of the United States Army for the War with Spain." Third prize, Clark E. Mansion, 1156 Western Ave., 14 years, School 16, on "The Marines at Guantanamo." Honorable mention, Robert Shillinglaw, 570 Clinton Ave., 13 years, School 21, on "The Marines at Guantanamo."

Second and third prizes were presented to the winners in their class rooms and the first prize was presented at the Memorial Day exercises before the four higher grades, all by the undersigned.

The participation by the children in this contest appears to have depended to a considerable extent upon the interest displayed by the teachers. In school 21, where there are three eighth grade classes, one class took second and fourth place and the other two classes failed to submit a single essay. Only seven of the public schools and none of the parochial schools participated. The cordial co-operation in connection with the public schools of Mr. James Welch, then acting superintendent of schools, is acknowledged. It was necessary to deal with each parochial school directly. It is believed that further activity along this line should be directed toward the teachers rather than the pupils directly.

The Patriotic Instructor of Palmer Camp served as Chairman of the subcommittee on Program and Exercises of the Joint Memorial Day Committee of the City of Albany. The duty of this committee was to supply speakers for the Memorial Day exercises of the schools. The parochial schools, the committee learned, desired to secure their own speakers. This year was the first time in a number of years that every public school was supplied with a veteran as a speaker. Members of Palmer Camp covered six schools and St. Vincent's Male Orphan Asylum.

The attention of one school principal was called to a report that one grade teacher neglected to salute the flag with the pupils, and also that the pupils heard more about the insurrection in Ireland than about American history.

G. EDWARD GIBSON.

ESSAY CONTEST ON SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR FOR PUPILS OF THE
EIGHTH GRADE IN THE PUBLIC AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS IN THE
CITY OF ALBANY, N. Y.

By Captain Frank R. Palmer Camp, No. 28, Department of New
York, United Spanish War Veterans

Captain Frank R. Palmer Camp, No. 28, U. S. W. V., offers prizes of \$8, \$5 and \$2 for the best three essays by pupils of the eighth grade in the public and parochial schools of the City of Albany, on one of the following topics in connection with the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection:

- A. Creation of the United States Army for the war with Spain.
- B. Legitimate and illegitimate losses in the war with Spain and why.
- C. Dewey and the Germans in Manila Bay.
- D. The Marines at Guantanamo.
- E. J. Franklin Bell in the Philippines.

The winning essay and winner's name will be forwarded to Department Headquarters, Department of New York, U. S. W. V.

Conditions

Length, 300 to 500 words, written on one side of business letter size paper; sheets securely fastened together; upper third of first sheet to show topic letter and title; and for identification an assumed name and a number. The assumed name and number, together with the contestant's real name, age, address and school, shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope securely attached to the essay. The envelope will not be opened until the winning essays have been selected.

Essays will be submitted before April 1, 1921, to school principals who will select 10% and not less than 3 of those submitted and forward them, together with a statement of the total number submitted in that school, to G. Edward Gibson, 115 North Allen St., Albany, N. Y., by April 10, 1921.

Final selection will be made by three persons not connected with either the schools or the United Spanish War Veterans.

G. EDWARD GIBSON,

Patriotic Instructor, Palmer Camp, U. S. W. V.

February 12, 1921.

UTICA, N. Y., *March 3, 1921.*

WM. FREDENRICH, *Dept. Historian, U. S. W. V., Albany, N. Y.:*

MY DEAR COMRADE.—Enclosed you will find the clipping taken from one of the Utica morning papers, concerning the Maine Memorial service held by Liscum-Wheeler Camp, No. 33, U. S. W. V.

The service was held in the Oneida Historical Building which was the most fitting place for such a service and was fairly well attended.

The Mayor of the City of Utica and an Honorary Member of our Camp was the principal speaker (you will find a synopsis of his address in the clipping but if you want the entire address I think I will be able to get the whole thing for you).

The music was furnished by Mrs. Col. H. J. Cookingham, Jr., and two soloists from the city and the Minister was Rev. C. J. Oxley, Pastor of the Park Baptist Church.

If there is any other information I can give you regarding this kindly let me know, in the meantime I beg to remain,

Respectfully yours in F., P. & H.,

EDWARD T. ILLINGWORTH,

Commander.

*Liscum-Wheeler No. 33, United Spanish
War Veterans, 778 Blandina St., Utica N. Y.*

RECALL SINKING OF THE MAINE

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR VETERANS HOLD EXERCISES IN HISTORICAL
SOCIETY BUILDING

Mayor O'Connor Principal Speaker

FEB. 20, 1921.—Appropriate ceremonies marked the observance of the twenty-third anniversary of the sinking of the Maine, at a meeting held in the Oneida County Historical Society Building yesterday afternoon. The principal speaker at the meeting was Mayor James K. O'Connor, who was introduced by Commander E. T. Illingworth, commander of Liscum-Wheeler Camp, United Spanish War Veterans. The Rev. Chester J. Oxley, pastor of the Baptist Church, offered prayer, after which the assemblage united in singing "America."

Miss Mildred Stark and John Owens sang a duet entitled "Rest from the Warfare Over," after which John E. Owens sang a solo entitled "God Bless America."

Our thoughts turn back, said the Mayor, to that fateful night 23 years ago, when that magnificent battleship was lying peacefully in Havana Harbor, when suddenly an explosion occurred and 267 American sailors gave up their lives. He also spoke of the poem of I. C. Clark, the poet and journalist, written one month after the 162 of those who perished bore names similar to that of Clark and himself.

The Mayor then spoke of the history of Spain, and told of her being a world power for centuries, and how she had established territories, using always her own ideals. He showed that little by little how these territories freed themselves from the Spanish yoke, until one remained, and that was Cuba. How Cuba derived her fever for liberty from her neighbor, the United States, and how she strove from time to time to obtain that independence, was dwelt on. Just as the Cubans were being murdered and oppressed at that time, so at present are the Irish being murdered by the Black and Tans, said the Mayor.

It was for the purpose of intervention that the Maine was in Havana Harbor, and probably the jealousy of purpose was the motive behind the destruction. The American slogan, "Remember the Maine," caused Spain to drop from a major to a minor power. And our veterans freed Cuba and the Philippines from the domination of the Spanish. These 267 persons who perished on the Maine died for man, and the news of their death struck a great blow to all. It woke America up to conditions. It forced absolute action. Our policy was one of waiting similar as it was before the World War. The same motive that entered the minds of America concerning Cuba was the one which entered concerning Belgium, but it was not until the destruction of the Lusitania that definite action was taken. As Spain was relegated to a minor power, so also was Germany.

America, said the Mayor, is a peaceful, sleepy, old giant until she is awakened, and then action commences. It is not America who has sought war. America, however, has always been a staunch friend of the downtrodden. The spirit which impelled the millions to volunteer for the cause needs help to-day to survive in our midst. The men who went down with the Maine rendered service, real genuine service for one's country. "We should all," said the Mayor, "consecrate ourselves to the idea of unselfish service."

Following the address of Mayor O'Connor, Miss Mildred Start sang a solo entitled "Flag of Freedom," after which Commander E. T. Illingworth thanked all for helping to make the service the success it was.

The musical program of the afternoon was in charge of Mrs. H. J. Cookinham, jr., who also acted as accompanist.

"The Star Spangled Banner" was then sung by all, after which the service closed with benediction pronounced by the Rev. C. J. Oxley.

WILL PRESENT FREE ACADEMY FAMOUS RELIC SPANISH WAR VETERANS WILL GIVE HIGH SCHOOL TABLET MADE FROM PART OF BATTLESHIP MAINE, AT EXERCISES THURSDAY NIGHT

Three anniversaries will be observed by E. M. Hoffman Camp, No. 40, United Spanish War Veterans at the Elmira Free Academy Thursday evening. The war veterans program will be in the memory of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and the sinking of the battleship Maine.

The Rev. Delos Abrams will give the address on Lincoln; Attorney Lewis Henry will speak on the life of George Washington, and Commander C. E. Cortright will talk on the sinking of the Maine. The program will start at 7:30 o'clock.

A feature of the program will be the presentation to the Academy of a tablet made from the relic of the Maine, the gift of the local camp.

The public is invited to attend the exercises and special invitations have been extended to the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary

Club, the Daughters of the Revolution, comrades of the G. A. R., the Daughters of America, the P. O. S. of A., and the relatives of the school children.

The Spanish War veterans have never before attempted such a pretentious program and it is hoped that a large attendance will be present. "This will be a good occasion," says Commander Cortwright, "for the public to learn what are the Spanish War veterans,— a body of men who stand for that for which they fought, freedom, patriotism and humanity."

The presentation of the tablet to the Academy will be made by Colonel J. C. F. Tillson, commandant of the Soldiers' Home at Bath. Mrs. E. E. Daggett will entertain with solos, and the entire audience will sing "America," to open the exercises.

In accordance with Par. 3, G. O. No. 4, National Headquarters, U. S. W. V., dated January 1, 1921, I reported to the National Patriotic Instructor, enclosing the above circular letter and the copy of his letter is as follows:

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS, NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR,
THOMAS W. ROONEY, 68 LIBERTY STREET, BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

February 2, 1921.

Comrade WILLIAM S. FREDENRICH, *Department Patriotic Instructor, Department of New York State, 176 State Street, Albany, N. Y.:*

MY DEAR COMRADE FREDENRICH.— Receipt is herewith acknowledged of your prompt compliance with Par. 3, G. O. No. 4, National Headquarters, U. S. W. V., dated January 1, 1921. In fact you are the first to report although several others came after yours. I sincerely thank you for co-operating in the work of patriotic instruction, which is certainly a most important and valuable part of our work. The circular which you enclosed indicating your activity is a dandy and is right in line with a program sent in by me to the Commander-in-Chief for his approval, but in addition to my plans you have gone one better, i. e., offering of prizes to school children. My program contemplated centering all our attention upon the high school student for reasons which I submitted to the Commander, but your program is excellent, and I would rather not discuss my own program just yet until the Commander-in-Chief has indicated his approval.

Your appeal for the Camps to properly observe the February patriotic anniversaries exactly parallels the one which was approved by Seattle and editor Mattocks, and will be published in an early issue of the *National Tribune*. Your work in this respect is worthy of all praise.

For the present I am unable to give you any definite instructions, as I am awaiting "Seattle" approval of a rather extensive program, but you could send me the total number (in figures, not the addresses) of Camps in your Department, so that I may send

you circulars, etc., enough to go around if "Seattle" approves of them being printed in Bridgeport or sends them to me in bulk.

Cordially and fraternally yours,

THOMAS W. ROONEY.

The following is a summary of the work done during the term. I have had to decline a number of invitations to attend Patriotic meetings throughout the Department by sending word of praise, also with regrets of my inability to attend.

October 27, 1920.—I attended the institution of the Ladies' Auxiliary of D. J. Johnson Camp No. 74, Cohoes, N. Y., and gave a short address on Patriotic Work.

October 28, 1920.—Attended Theodore Roosevelt birthday exercises and took part therein at Troy, N. Y.

November 7, 1920.—Attended dedication of bronze tablet in remembrance of the men and women of the honor roll in the World War of the First Presbyterian Church at Albany, N. Y.

January 8, 1921.—Attended installation of F. R. Palmer Camp Auxiliary No. 15, U. S. W. V., Albany, N. Y.

January 15, 1921.—Addressed Capitol District Council meeting.

February 15, 1921.—Attended hearing on Preference Bill.

February 23, 1921.—Attended hearing on Oxford Soldiers' Home Bill.

March 1, 1921.—Attended hearing on Preference Bill.

May 3, 1921.—Attended the Muster Day exercises of Captain F. R. Palmer Camp No. 28.

May 28, 1921.—Attended and took part in the memorial services of the Ladies' Auxiliary No. 15 in memory of the unknown dead, held upon the pier of the Albany Yacht Club.

Appeared before the different Departments of the State in behalf of comrades who had been dismissed from the State service. In many cases these comrades were reinstated.

Attended at all times the joint sessions held during the Legislature, where there was work to be accomplished to win our point.

In closing, I may say that there is a lack of spirit in the Camp Instructors in not sending in reports of the work accomplished during the year to the Department of Patriotic Instructor. My advice to all Camp Patriotic Instructors is to read and digest the report of Past Patriotic Instructor, Comrade Walter V. McCoy, to be found in the 1915 proceedings of our Encampment, pages 384 to 392, inclusive, and would also recommend that the incoming administration prepare and furnish pamphlets from these pages for the information of Camp Patriotic Instructor.

In concluding, I want to thank you for the honor and distinction you have given me. I have tried to do my best, at all times working for the upbuilding of the organization. I desire to extend my sincere thanks to the National Patriotic Instructor for his kind appreciation as expressed in the following letters:

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS, NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR,
THOMAS W. ROONEY, 66 LIBERTY STREET, BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

June 24, 1921.

Comrade WILLIAM S. FREDENRICH, *Patriotic Instructor, Department of New York, 176 State Street, Albany, N. Y.:*

DEAR COMRADE FREDENRICH.— I have watched with much admiration your conduct of the office of Department Patriotic Instructor for your Department, and can truthfully say that if all Department Patriotic Instructors would follow your footsteps and do something during their terms of office, it would greatly increase the prestige of the U. S. W. V. in every way. Some of us do not seem to be fully alive to the great work in the Department of Patriotic Instruction that is yet undone, and as the G. A. R. are rapidly dying out this work should be immediately taken up by us before the World War Veteran organizations step in and beat us to it. I maintain that our work in a legislative way can be made much easier if more patriotic instruction is undertaken; some legislators are more impressed by present day accomplishments than what our boys did in 1898–1902. If an aggressive campaign of patriotic instruction is faithfully carried out in any Department by every Camp and proper publicity is given to it (that is vitally necessary), no legislative assembly will turn a deaf ear to reasonable requests for beneficial legislation. In this respect the Department of Patriotic Instruction is of as much importance as the U. S. W. V. Committee on Legislation, and if their efforts are properly coordinated the work of the legislative committee is half done before they commence applying pressure on their representatives. I thank you, comrade, for your very able work in your office, and am sure that, while the legislative committee will be given most of the credit for the different measures enacted into law for the benefit of comrades in New York State during Comrade Lanigan's administration, the Department Patriotic Instruction as conducted by you has been of immense assistance to them in "Carrying on."

The Commander-in-Chief has asked me to prepare a set of forms for the reports of Department Patriotic Instructors to the National Patriotic Instructor on the work accomplished in their Departments, and as there are no such forms in existence up to date, would appreciate samples of any such forms you may have on hand that Camp Patriotic Instructors use in preparing their annual reports to you or any other information along this line that may be helpful to me for the purpose above outlined.

Thanking you again and extending my very best wishes to all the live wires in your Department, I remain,

Cordially yours,

THOMAS W. ROONEY,
National Patriotic Instructor, U. S. W. V.

I wish also to extend my sincere appreciation and thanks to the National and Department officers, the comrades and all those who have extended to me any courtesy during my term of office. Respectfully submitted.

Fraternally in F., P. & H.,

WILLIAM S. FREDENRICH,

Department Patriotic Instructor.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN :

We will now have a few remarks from the Department Adjutant of Pennsylvania, Comrade Gallagher.

By COMRADE GALLAGHER :

My time is very short as they told you. I was born in Buffalo. I am now Department Adjutant of Pennsylvania, so that you know that there is one man in the Department of Pennsylvania who can feel the pulse and good will of New York.

We held our Convention in Erie, Pennsylvania, a few weeks ago. We had one of your Department officers present, your senior Vice-Commander, Comrade Leonard S. Spire. The Department of Pennsylvania at that Convention appreciated very much the courtesy of New York in sending one of your Department officers over to visit our encampment. He was also accompanied by Comrade Herrick. It was like meeting one of your old comrades to see those two comrades there.

Now boys you can't commence to let the grass grow under your feet if you want to have a big encampment. You have got to work. New York is the leading Department of the Spanish War Veterans, Massachusetts is second and Pennsylvania is third. I want to tell you comrades that Pennsylvania is going to strive for the leadership, that is what our Department is working for. We will be glad to have any of you call on us, and simply let us know you are from New York.

Last night I heard some mention made of the World War Veterans. Personally I am a World War Veteran and belong to the American Legion in Erie, I am also a Spanish War Veteran too, and I am sorry that all comrades of the Spanish War Veterans were not allowed to participate in the World's War. I believe we would have followed the spirit of 98, that we would have had five million men. I was very proud when the old veteran stated on this platform that the United Spanish War Veterans was the only organization in the history of the world that was made up entirely of volunteers. That is one of the things you want to keep in the foreground, that it is the only volunteer organization that ever went to the front. Always remember that we are proud of that feature of our organization. Sometimes they say the war didn't last long, but let me call your attention to the fact that when they volunteered they didn't know how long it was going to last, whether forty-eight hours or forty-eight years. However, there is

one thing that I would like to call your attention to and that is, if you belong to an organization fight for it. You might go into a Convention and you might have a little argument, but you have got to have a united organization in order to have success. Remember the first word is unity and don't let anything divide you, because in unity there is strength. When you are working for a bill in the Legislature, the first thing that the legislators want to know is, what strength you have got. Up in Erie we have several cases where the men ask for assistance, and in 90 per cent of the cases, the men never belonged to an organization in their lives and consequently they don't get anywhere. But men who belong and stick to an organization accomplish things. I wish to say representing the Department of Pennsylvania, that we extend the most highest greeting and we hope you will have one of the best conventions in the history of this Department. I am glad to be with you. I am a New York man formerly, and if you ever come over to Erie, Pennsylvania, don't forget to stop and ask anybody if they know Gallagher. (Applause.)

THOMAS H. BARBER CAMP NO. 3, DEPARTMENT
NEW YORK, U. S. W. V.

COMMANDER WALTER G. LAWRENCE, Commanding.

I have the honor to report for the year, 1920, the following:

A. B. GREGORY, *Historian for 1920.*

Historian.

January 7, 1920.—Installation of Officers. Installing Officers Junior Vice-Department Commander, Leonard S. Spire of Buffalo, N. Y. Aid, John H. Brewster Supreme Datte M. O. S. of Buffalo, N. Y. Banquet followed installation. G. A. R., George Ray Camp of Norwich, N. Y. T. H. Barber Auxiliary. Barber Camp, U. S. W. V. Toastmaster Comm. F. W. Woods. Speakers J. C. V. D. Comm. L. S. Spire. George Ray Camp, Comm. N. P. Bonney. G. A. R., Comm. A. A. Lord. Sud. of M. O. S. J. H. Brewster.

January 21.—Pedro party given by auxiliary to camp a great success, 44 comrades.

January 24.—T. H. Barber Camp visited George Ray Camp at Norwich, N. Y.

February 13.—Combine services for Lincoln, Washington and Maine Memorial a good thing for the camp, 61 comrades.

February 22.—3:30 P. M., High school. American Legion to Honor Heroes. Fifty-four French certificates were presented to the relatives of the dead, Com. G. M. Scott was on the stage, 64 comrades.

March 17.—Auxiliary camp gave a pedro party, 51 comrades.

April 21.—Annual muster day was observed. Obligations were renewed and the army feed was served. Games were the order of the evening.

May 30.—Sunday 8 A. M., 1,200 potted plants were distributed to the cemeteries and planted on the graves of veterans. 2:30 P. M., camp formed at State Armory and marched to Spring Forest Cemetery where services were held in honor of our heroes. Address by Past Com., Richard M. Gilbert. Honor Roll call Past Com., A. K. Roberts. Placing of flowers on the graves by auxiliary. 7 P. M., camp formed at State Armory and marched to North Presbyterian Church, services were held in their honor by Rev. J. E. Russell.

June 1.—7 A. M. Details for cemeteries left Court House with flowers and distributed on graves in the various cemeteries. 10 . M. Sailors and Soldiers' Monument, Court House Square. Charge, S. Foster Black, G. A. R. Prayer by Rev. C. A. Ritchie, English Lutheran Church. Amasa S. Man, read Lincoln Gettysburg Address. Singing America. Address Norman A. Boyde, President of the Common Council. Volley Co. E, 3rd Reg., N. G. 11 A. M. Court St. Bridge Honor Sailors dead. Charge, A. K. Roberts, P. C. of U. S. W. V. Address Rev. S. Van Wiert, Boulevard Methodist Episcopal Church. Scattering flowers upon the waters by the auxiliary. Volley fired. Tolling of the chimes of Christ Episcopal Church. 12 M. Noon luncheon at the State Armory served by the auxiliary. 2:30 P. M. Parade. G. A. R. 64, U. S. W. V., American Legion 400, own band of 35 pieces. U. S. W. V., 76.

June 16.—Flag Day was fittingly observed, ritualistic services were held with refreshments.

July 11, 12, 13, 14.—Department encampment. you all know, enough said. Other Dept. Officers attending. A. Q. Gen. William L. Mattocks, Washington, D. C. J. M. Murphy, Washington, D. C. M. C. of S. Kelly, Boston, Mass. Past Dept. Comm. Thomas M. Stahlford, Athens, Pa. Comrade, Frank Huhn, Washington, D. C.

September 22.—Reception tendered to Dept. President Auxiliary Mrs. Mayo Wilber and Dept. Junior Vice-Commander Frank W. Woods, 150 attended in the parlors of Co. H., N. G. State Armory, Dept. Commander William Lanigan, Speaker of the evening, singing, recitations, and refreshments, decorations of the colors of the organization, with asters and hydrangeas.

September 6.—Past Junior Vice-Department Commander Hunt represented T. H. Barber Camp at the testimonial dinner to Commander Chief William Jones at Astor Hall, New York city.

October 20.—Roosevelt's Day the camp and auxiliary assembled at 8 P. M., review the life of the Great Modern American, 84 comrades, 70 Auxiliaries.

November 17.—Auxiliary gave the camp a pedro party, refreshments were served, the comrades were well pleased.

December 1.—Election of officers as follows: Comm., Stephen L. Barath; S. Vice-Comm., George B. Murdock; Junior Vice-Comm., William K. Kincaid; Officer of Day, Merritt C. Smith;

Officer the Guard, Frank W. Bishop; Trustee three years, Alfred J. Nealis.

December 15.—Auxiliary gave a dance to the camp in the parlors of Co. H, State Armory, Comrades, 62; Auxiliaries, 71.

Newspaper notices to Camp 1,650 inches. Newspaper notices to Encampment 3,800 inches. Newspaper notices to Memorial Day, 3,460 inches. Newspaper cuts, 9.

The Morning Sun and Binghamton Press have been more than kind to the camp and committees.

The officers have tried to carry the wishes of the camp out to success and give unlimited time to their labor and duties imposed on them.

The Encampment committee has worked very diligently to make the encampment a success it was, and their work fine, as you know.

Your Comrade,

A. B. GREGORY,

Approved Commander,

Historian.

COMMANDING T. H. BARBER, *Camp, year 1920.*

THOMAS H. BARBER CAMP NO. 3, DEPARTMENT NEW YORK, U. S. W. V.

COMMANDER STEPHEN L. BARATH, Commanding.

Historical Record for January 1 to July 1, 1921.

A. B. GREGORY, *Historian.*

Comrade, Harry S. Kapp. Historical record. General J. P. S. Gobin Camp No. 41, Scranton, Dept. Pa., Co. G, Reg. 13 Pa. Vol. Inf. enlisted June 16, 1898, discharged March 11, 1899, reason muster out of Reg. Born at Athens, Pa., January 18, 1874; died res. Sister, Mrs. C. R. Oliver, April 27, 11 P. M.; buried April 29, 3:30 P. M., 1921, Hallstead, Pa., Rosehill Cemetery, UK. Tuttle & Hoffmire. Minister Rev. Robert H. Graham, Hallstead. Muster-in camp. Thomas H. Barber Camp was requested to take charge by telegram. U. S. W. V. ceremony held at the grave. Pall bearers Comrades, Q. M., Frank C. Baylor, Ausborn B. Gregory, Vernon D. Shaw, George Shaw, Michael A. Kilrow, Archie F. Smith. Firing squad, Comrades Com., Stephen L. Barath, Commanding; Past Dept. Junior Vice, William T. Hunt; Past Com., Clarence Lathrop; Adj., Alford J. Nealis, Oscar Mitchell, Carey M. Carlton, Guy Alexander, Bert Edgecomb, George B. Murdock. Bugler, Comrade Charles Newcomb. Nearest relative, Sister, Mrs. C. R. Oliver, Hallstead, Pa., General Delivery. A large crowd witnessed the ceremony at the grave in the cemetery.

January 1, 1921.—T. H. Barber Camp formed party to visit Moore Camp, Sayre, Pa., had a grand time. They installed officers, danced and banqueted to their heart's content.

January 5, 1921.—Installation of officers Thomas H. Barber Camp, 7 P. M. Installing officer Senior Vice Dept. Commander,

Leonard S. Spire. Master of ceremonies, Junior Vice Dept. Commander, Frank W. Wood. The 20th annual banquet of Barber Camp at 8 p. m., 243 covers were in use. Speakers: Mayor Thomas A. Wilson offered the greetings of the city to the visiting members and their guests. Congressman elect John D. Clark fine address "During this spirit of unrest that is sweeping the country, it is well for an organization like yours to meet and take counsel and recall the ideal for which you fought." Senior Vice-Commander Spire explained the Martin Bill in legislation. Assemblyman Forman E. Whitecomb dismissal last year of the five socialist members of the House. Supt. Public Schools, D. S. Kelley; Alderman Harry Mintz; Aux. Dept. President, Mrs. Mayo Wilber; Past President, Mrs. H. Jane Roberts; President, Mrs. Nellie Baylor; Past Com., A. K. Roberts Barber Camp; Commander C. E. Court-right Hoffman, Camp Elmira, N. Y.; Past Grand Gu Gu C. M. Robinson, Schenectady, N. Y.; Supt. of the Poor, Past Dept. Com., G. A. R., A. A. Lord; Com., Foster Black, G. A. R. U. S. W. V. colors surrounded the national flags, carnations, ferns and palms were used on the tables.

January 26, 1921.—T. H. Barber aux. and camp held services commemorating the birth of William McKinley, 39 present.

February 22, 1921.—8 p. m., Central High School. Memorial Tablet presented to students of High School by the Spanish War Veterans of the State of New York. Past Dept. Commander, Thomas A. Gannon made the presentation speech, and lauded the life of Roosevelt. Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Tablet. Aggressive fighting for the right is the noblest sport in the world. This is the first tablet placed in the schools by the U. S. W. V. Acceptance is by Jack Bloomer, representing the pupils. Mayor Thomas Wilson and Father Dwyer made addresses. Prayer by Rev. James F. Halliday, singing of America, two selections by the Boys Glee Club. After the closing at the High School the camp entertained at dinner in the Hotel Bennett, the Dept. Delegation P. D. C., T. H. Gannon; Comrades, T. A. Gabbon, Ben Pierce, C. J. Lawrence.

February 16, 1921.—Observed the birthday of Washington-Lincoln and the destruction of the Maine. Comrade Hamm of the U. S. S. Maine gave a very interesting talk on the sinking of the U. S. S. Maine; present, 34 comrades. Legislative, this month the camp sent out 2,000 letters to representatives in Albany from this district.

March 16, 1921.—Lamp stand pedro party to camp by auxiliary.

29. The camp present to the Broome County Tuberculosis Hospital. The flag presentation speech was made by Past Dept. Junior Vice-Commander, W. T. Hunt. Historian, A. B. Gregory broke the flag at the mast head, accepted by Dr. Blinn A. Duell on behalf of the hospital. Comrades were taken through the hospital by Dr. Duell, refreshments were served. Comrades, 21; auxiliaries, 14 present.

April 20, 1921.—Our annual Muster Day the renewing of our obligation, music, speaking for the good of the order, refreshments, 27 present.

May 18, 1921.—The camp was entertained by progressive pedro by the auxiliary a general good time was had, and refreshments were served.

May 20, 1921.—The Kreg Rifles were received from the Government, were cleaned, and put in service at once, and a firing squad took up drill.

May 27, 1921.—Detail from the camp visited the 20 public schools and gave short addresses to the children.

May 29, 1921.—Committee received flowers and potted plants at the Court House sent them to the cemeteries. The school children bringing 1,270 potted plants. 6 P. M., camp assembled at the Court House and took bus for Nineveh to visit the Community Club and there Memorial Day exercises and present them a flag. The children of Nineveh school sang, recited and gave dialogues. The Harpuevill Orchestra furnished music, addresses were made by Past Junior Vice, W. T. Hunt; Dept. Junior Vice, F. W. Wood; Past President Aux., Mrs. A. K. Roberts. Commander Stephen L. Barath presented the flag on behalf of the camp. Past Commander, Foster Black, G. A. R. The Honor of the flag. The services were very patriotic, the building was crowded, refreshments were served. Camp present, 19; aux., 14.

May 29, 1921.—3 P. M., Spring Forest Cemetery. Camp assembled at State Armory headed by George F. Johnson Drum Corps, marched to cemetery, U. S. W. V. plot. Services were held, and addresses made by Col. Charles Hitchcock, calling of honor roll, singing Star Spangled Banner, dirge by drums, firing salute, taps, bugler, present camp 34, aux. 22, G. A. R. 9. 6:45 P. M., G. A. R. and camp, World's War Veterans assembled at State Armory and marched to the Tabernacle M. E. Church to hear Rev. D. Stanley Shaw preach a patriotic memorial sermon. A heavy rain storm was in the way of many getting out. Camp, 28; aux., 19.

May 30, 1921.—6:30 P. M., flower committee assembled at the Court House and prepared flowers for the cemeteries, leaving at 7:30 to distribute them and hold the grave service, Chenango Valley Cemetery. Rev. R. A. Gates addressed the veterans. St. Patrick Cemetery, Rev. James H. Burns addressed the veterans. Calvary Cemetery, Rev. A. M. Dwyer addressed the veterans. Glenwood Cemetery, Rev. F. M. Darling addressed the veterans. Floral Park Cemetery, Rev. J. Elmer Russell addressed the veterans. Spring Forest Cemetery, Rev. A. B. McCormick addressed the veterans. 10.30 the veterans formed at the State Armory, and marched to the Court House and held services at the Soldiers and Sailors' monument in charge of Foster Black, G. A. R. Dirge by American Legion band. Prayer by Rev. Ferris D. Cornell, High School M. E. Church. Lincoln's Gettysburg address

by Anzi F. Mann, G. A. R. Singing of America led by Paul F. Sprout. Decorating the monument by the Ladies Relief Corps, G. A. R., Aux. U. S. W. C. Address by Judge Harold L. Hart, propriety of pausing a short time to join in the observance of Memorial Day, which he characterized as the most important day, which he deemed it most important, this day, he said when self interest and self pleasure should be forgotten, and we should devote our hearts and minds to thoughts of patriotism. A squad, Co. D, 10 N. Y. Infantry fired three volleys. Bugler O. W. Neil sounded taps. Benediction, Rev. Mr. Cornell. Present G. A. R., 57; Relief Corps, 23; U. S. W. V. Aux., 20.

May 30, 1921.—11:15 A. M., Court Street Bridge honored sailor dead. Charge Commander, Stephen L. Barath, U. S. W. V. The veterans formed at Court House and marched to the bridge. Prayer, address and benediction by the Rev. A. R. Burk of Chenango M. E. Church. We have fought for humanity and not for greed. Dirge by the American Legion band. Strewing of flowers on the waters of the Chenango river by the T. H. Barber auxiliary in honor of our dead sailors. Salute by Co. G., 19 N. Y. Inf. Taps by O. W. Neil. Present, U. S. W. V., 43; Aux., 20; G. A. R., 27; A. L., 44. The parade formed and proceeded to the armory where dinner was served by the Ladies Auxiliary. 2 P. M., parade. Marshal, A. A. Lord; G. A. R., Aid Col., Chas. H. Hitchcock. American Legion band 29 pieces. Mayor and Common Council, Co. D., H. G, 10 N. Y. Inf., Battery B. & C., Field Art., Machine Gun Co., Community band, Sons of Veterans, G. A. R. in automobiles, 62; U. S. W. V., 57; 5 in auto, 11 in military commands, total, 173; American Legion, 272 in autos, 8; total, 280. Old Guard Association, 34; Salvation Army, Modern Woodmen of the World, Patriotic Order of America, Boy Scouts acted as guides and aides.

June 15, 1921.—Anniversary of our Flag, T. H. Barber Auxiliary, President, Mrs. Nellie Baylor, address of welcome, prayer by the Chaplain Mrs. Mary DePugh, History of the Flag, Mrs. Minnie Naney, and Junior Vice-President, Mrs. Mable Lathrop, Star Spangled Banner rendered on the violins by Carl Bayler and Donald Witter, recitation, "Your Flag and My Flag," Dept. Treasurer, Mrs. Florence Wood, Piano Duet, "The Victor's Return," by Misses Ruth Badger and Evelyn Smith. The presentation of the Maine Memorial Tablet to Barber Camp by the Past President, Mrs. H. Jane Roberts, accepted by Commander Barath. A poem was read entitled "Our Old Flag," by Mrs. Satie Dwyer, addresses by Dept. President, Mrs. Mayo Wilber, Dept. Junior Vice-Commander, F. W. Woods, light refreshments were served; 14 comrades present.

June 14, 1921.—The camp also attended the Flag Day exercises under the auspices of the Masons, a large crowd were present. General summary — Comrade, George M. Scott is serving his second year as city clerk. Newspaper notices to Camp, 860 inches.

Newspaper notices, Memorial Day, 2,250 inches, 51 large cuts. The Morning Sun, Binghamton Press and the Binghamton Advocate have shown us every consideration in their columns. Commander Barath and his officers have been more than busy this year and put both time and money to the wheel, unlimited labor and traveled many miles to do their duty.

Your Comrade,

A. B. GREGORY,

Historian.

Approved:

STEPHEN L. BARATH, *Commander.*

*Commanding T. H. Barber Camp No. 3,
Department New York.*

GILBERTSVILLE, N. Y., *June 2-21.*

Dept. N. Y. Historian, CHARLES A. STRONDAHL, 106 *Stow St.,
Jamestown, N. Y.:*

DEAR COMRADE.—Yours at hand. Will say that my report was sent in last January through Adjutant of the Camp, but I am sending you a copy of the same. You should have my reports for the last five years in your files, as I have not failed in that time.

My report should leave Binghamton the 25th of June for your office.

I am glad to hear there is a historian to get things straightened out in this state, as there is very little interest taken in this part of the work.

I am requested by Department Commander Bitlz of Pennsylvania as regards the burial of Comrade Harry Kapp of Hallstead, that this Camp turn out. Going to send him a report on it for their records.

Hastily yours,

A. B. GREGORY,

7 Congdon Place, Binghamton, N. Y.

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

SERGEANT HAMILTON FISH CAMP No. 46

127 Columbus Avenue

NEW YORK, *June 4, 1921.*

Comrade CHARLES A. STROMDAHL, *State Historian, Dept. of N. Y.,
106 Stowe Street, Jamestown, N. Y.:*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE.—Regarding your communication to Commander Rogers, will state that beginning the year 1921, Camp 46 started with all the newly elected and appointed officers being installed at the 12th Regiment Armory in January.

On the first Friday in February the Camp attended the installation of the Sergeant Hamilton Fish Auxiliary No. 52; same was installed by President-General Louise Williams.

Also Camp had several comrades and sister comrades attend the installations of Camps 87, 4, 21, 34; attended the mask and civic affairs of Lairs Nos. 1, 3, 5 and held joint house warming with Camp No. 1 and Manhattan Post, American Legion, and the dance of Auxiliary 62; also held Maine services at Camp Meeting and at Maine Monument February 15th; April 22 held Muster Day and luncheon.

On Friday, May 6, 1921, Sergeant Hamilton Fish Auxiliary No. 52 held their meeting and flag presentation, after which lunch was served and all had several hours of dancing. At this affair President Louise Williams was acting president and received the Division Patriotic Instructor of the Sons of Veterans of the G. A. R., who was Mrs. H. Beck, who then made the presentation of an American flag to the flag team. This affair was also well attended by Camp 46 comrades. On Friday, April 29, 1921, the Camp held a dance, same being a success.

On Memorial Day, May 30th, Camp 46 was tendered a luncheon by the ladies of their Auxiliary No. 52 at Comrade Roth's place of business.

At every meeting there are mustered into the Camp from one to three new comrades, and after each meeting the Camp Dark Horse fund pays for a get together meeting of all the comrades.

Also will have a drawing on June 24, 1921, whereby the Utica fund derives its funds for the delegates that attend the convention, and in conclusion will state that Camp 46 has 108 active members and quite a number of World War comrades as honorary members and one Civil War veteran, and is about to take into our midst several G. A. R. comrades.

Trusting this will comply with your request,

Yours in F., P. & H.,

FRANK H. SMITH,

Camp 46 Historian, 8726 Bay 16th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Should you get the Hiker each month, Camp 46 has a write-up in it, especially May-June number, and sometimes Spirit "98".

QUARTERS SAMUEL M. PORTER CAMP NO. 45, U. S. W. V.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., *June 18, 1921.*

Comrade CHARLES A. STROMDAHL, *Dept. Historian, U. S. W. V., Dept. of New York:*

DEAR COMRADE.—I have the honor to report the following events during my term of office of Samuel M. Porter Camp No. 45, U. S. W. V.

First.—The Camp has placed a boulder monument on its portion of the soldiers' section in the Lakeview cemetery. The monument is mounted with an eight-inch shell from the Battleship *Maine* and is inlaid with a bronze plate describing the purpose.

Second.—We have placed a bronze tablet on the wall of the

State Armory commemorating the honor of the ones who lost their lives in the sinking of the Battleship *Maine*.

Third.—Samuel M. Porter Camp was represented at the citation of honor men of the 108th Infantry at Buffalo, N. Y.

Fourth.—Samuel M. Porter camp was represented at the reception of the Commander-in-Chief at Buffalo, N. Y.

Fifth.—Samuel M. Porter Camp was honored this year at the Annual Muster by the presence of the Dept. Senior Vice-Commander, Comrade Leonard S. Spire, who administered the oath of allegiance.

Sixth.—Samuel M. Porter Camp celebrated the 23d anniversary of Dewey's victory at Manila; the 23d anniversary of the departure of the State National Guard for war with Spain; and the 5th anniversary of the founding of the Camp's auxiliary, with a supper and entertainment at the home of Mrs. Thomas Munson, president of the auxiliary.

Seventh.—Samuel M. Porter Camp was represented at the Flag Day ceremonies of Ellicott Chapter, D. A. R., at Falconer, N. Y., at which Hon. Daniel A. Reed was the principal speaker.

Respectfully submitted,

PERL A. BUTTS,

Camp Historian.

LYMAN M. BUSH,

Commander.

HEADQUARTERS WARREN A. WILSON CAMP NO. 9,
U. S. W. V.

GLENS FALLS, N. Y., *June 20, 1921.*

Department Historian, CHARLES A. STROMDAHL:

DEAR COMRADE.—Your order to Commodore Brownell, May 21, was more recently referred to me.

“A happy country has no history.” We have social affairs in which our splendid auxiliary is prominent. Our able commander is a man of tact and calls on various comrades for stories of Cuba and the Philippines, both grave and gay; and on such of us as have the experience for tales of the last great war.

But like the happy country, this happy country has no history to report for 1921.

Yours in F., P. & H.,

LAWRENCE C. BAKER,

Past Commander; Chaplain.

HEADQUARTERS OF EUGENE GRIFFIN CAMP NO. 11,
U. S. W. V.

STATE ARMORY, SCHENECTADY, N. Y.

June 17, 1921.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE.—Replying to your letter to Commander Michael Reiley requesting historical events of Camp No. 11, I am

sending such information as I have been able to collect since June 1, 1921, being appointed at the first June Camp Meeting to fill the vacancy at that time.

I hope this will meet your approval. Enclosed you will find historical events.

Fraternally yours,

EDW. SULLIVAN,

318 Veeder St., Schenectady, N. Y.

Jan. 14, 1921.—The following officers were installed by Dept. Commander, W. E. Lanigan: Commander, Michael Reilley; Senior Vice-Commander, Arthur Ramsay; Junior Vice-Commander, George Field; Adjutant, D. O. Small; Quartermaster, C. B. Taylor; Officer of the Day, F. Plude; Officer of the Guard, Wm. Gaines; Trustees, Geo. Alexander, E. Sullivan.

April 19, 1921.—The annual banquet and renewal of obligation to United States took place at State Armory, Schenectady, N. Y., having as our guests 350 people, including members of Camp G. A. R. and friends and relatives. Principal speaker was Lieutenant-Governor Wood and the toastmaster, Comrade Past Commander A. G. Baxter.

May 30, 1921.—A monument was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies similar to the Hiker presented to the U. S. W. V. of Schenectady county. The monument was presented by Board of Supervisors of Schenectady county. Presentation of monument was by Supervisor Wm. Dunn. Presentation of site for same, Mayor, Com. G. R. Lunn. Acceptance, Commander M. Reilley. Dedication, President Richmond, Union College. Wreaths placed by Comrade Steiner of Horstfall Post No. 90 for G. A. R.; Dept. Commander W. E. Lanigan for U. S. W. V.; Commander W. W. Trench for World War Veterans. Master of ceremonies, Comrade F. R. Hoppman. The following members of monument committee worked hard to secure monument: Commander M. Reilley, F. Hoppman, C. B. Taylor, C. Littrell, J. Schrader, Geo. Alexander, A. G. Baxter, Major J. S. Clinton, Supervisor Wm. A. Dunn.

June 13, 1921.—A prize of \$10 in gold was awarded to John Jones, a pupil of the eighth grade, for writing the best essay on the Spanish-American War. Enclosed you will find copy of same. This contest was arranged by Patriotic Instructor George Alexander. The \$10 in gold donated by Camp.

June 14, 1921.—The members of Camp with members of G. A. R. marched to rooms of the Elks and took part in Flag Day celebration as guests of honor of B. P. O. E. This is all of the notable events to date.

Yours in F., P. & H.,

E. SULLIVAN,

Historian.

THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR

*By John Jones of Yates School, Winner of \$10 Gold Piece Prize
Given by Local Camp of Spanish War Veterans*

The following essay by John Jones of the Yates School was awarded first prize, consisting of a \$10 gold piece. The essay is remarkable for the language used and the facts set forth. John Jones is a pupil of the Yates School, grade eight. The prize was given by the local Camp of Spanish War Veterans.

THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR

The most momentous and striking event in the administration of William McKinley was the Spanish-American war. Cuba had clung to Spain with such steadiness and had poured such princely revenues into the lap of Spain that she won for herself the merited title of the "Ever Faithful Isle." But Spain had abused her power to such a limit that the freedom loving subjects revolted in the year of eighteen hundred and ninety-five.

Cuba fought bravely against Spain for three long years and barely withstood the frightful murders and atrocious crimes of Spain's cruel general, Weyler, until unexpected help came from the United States. The *Maine*, an American battleship, which was lying peacefully at harbor in the port of Havana was blown up. The Americans justly accused Spain for the death of two hundred and twenty-six men on board the *Maine* and then proceeded to give the Spanish Minister his "walking papers," immediately declaring war.

"Dewey has Won" came the news to America on May 2, 1898. Commodore Dewey had received orders to destroy or capture the Spanish fleet in Manila, and he did destroy all the Spanish ships without the loss of a single ship or man. It was the most brilliant naval victory in history. "Never," says Gordon Bennett, "were instructions more effectively executed." This complete victory was the result of careful forethought, cool and well balanced judgment, discipline and fortitude, and will ever remain a monument to Dewey.

Very soon after Dewey's accomplishment, Admiral Sampson sailed into the harbor of San Juan with the expectation of bottling up Cervera's fleet. The Spanish fleet, however, did not materialize; so Sampson deeming it unnecessary to wait any longer, withdrew and sailed westward. On May 13, Commodore Schley positively discovered that he had Cervera blockaded in the harbor at Santiago and he opened fire.

Admiral Sampson, naturally a cautious commander, suffered great apprehension that Cervera might slip out through the channel some dark night. With the purpose in mind of blockading the channel he sent Lieutenant Hobson and seven volunteers on the ship *Merrimac*. They reached the channel, opened the sea doors and sunk the ship but not in the position desired. As the ship went down the men jumped into a small boat, and seeing escape

impossible, surrendered. The Spaniards were so impressed by this act that they placed the prisoners under special care and exchanged them a few months later.

The danger of entering the narrow harbor in the face of Cervera's fleet rendered it necessary to take the city of Santiago by land. On June 13, troops began to leave Tampa and Key West. Two days later Shafter's army of 16,000 strong, including the famous "Rough Riders" under Roosevelt, landed. The next day an attack was made, the soldiers making a name for themselves by killing many Spaniards and by getting some of the Spanish block houses.

Another battle was needed to capture Santiago effectively. That was a naval battle. When Cervera tried to escape there ensued a fierce struggle, resulting in a victory for the Americans. All of the Spanish ships were destroyed or captured, Santiago itself in imminent danger of capture.

While these events were taking place, the battle of San Juan was going on. By nightfall the city was taken and General Shafter was able to report to headquarters that, as a result of the vigorous attacks of the Americans they had gained all points within three-quarters of a mile of Aguadores.

The last battle of Santiago was the most important battle and again the "Rough Riders" were in the fray with their dynamite gun. The bombardment continued until the afternoon, when a flag of truce was displayed and terms of surrender were agreed upon. This event was marked by the world as the end of the Spanish-American War.

After Dewey's victory at Manila, which has already been recited, it became evident that the commodore could not hold the port long. Consequently some ships were dispatched to him, the expedition arriving safely at Manila with the exception of the *Charleston*, which had stopped to capture the island of Guam.

In August, Dewey and Merritt demanded the city's surrender, which was refused, the governor-general sailing away on a German man-of-war. The next morning began the bombardment with fury, all vessels sending hot shot at the doomed city. In the midst of the bombardment soldiers attacked the trenches which extended ten miles around the city. The result was, after a strong resistance, the waving of the flag of truce by the Philippines. The people declared themselves friendly to American occupation of the islands, with a view to aiding them to establish an independent government.

On July 30, 1899, there were peace measures made, Spain accepting them by cable. A protocol was issued containing the main results of the war as follows:

1. That Spain relinquish her claims of sovereignty over Cuba.
2. That Porto Rico and other Spanish islands in the West Indies shall be ceded to us.

3. That Cuba, Porto Rico and other Spanish islands in the West Indies shall be immediately evacuated.

4. That United States and Spain shall each appoint not more than five commissioners to negotiate and conclude a treaty of peace.

5. That United States will occupy the city, bay and harbor of Manila.

6. On the signing of the protocol all hostilities will be suspended.

On December 10, 1898, was signed the treaty of peace, which put in our trust many millions of people for whom we must work out independence and a degree of civilization equal to our own. Porto Rico, Guam, Philippines and Cuba were placed in our hands to help them carve their destiny. The war patched up the bitter feeling between the North and South that had existed since the Civil War. The two keen enemies fought side by side under the same flag, the glorious stars and stripes, the banner that George Washington * * *

(The above clipping seems not to have contained the ending of the essay, but is copied as far as it goes.)

BUFFALO, N. Y., *June 15, 1921.*

MR. C. A. STROMDAHL, *Camp 45, U. S. W. V., State Armory, Jamestown, N. Y.:*

DEAR COMRADE.—I have been requested to send you a report of the historical events of the past year, of which Bucky O'Neil Camp 15 has participated.

The annual Memorial service of the Past President McKinley on his birthday, February 29th, at the tablet which is placed in the center of the City Hall Court.

These services are beautifully conducted by the City Joint Board.

Another one of the greatest events was the dedication of the Hiker Monument last May 29, 1920.

Another event is the spreading of flowers on the waters of Lake Erie, the first Sunday after Memorial Day for the sailors who were lost at sea.

Hoping this report will meet with your request.

Yours respectfully,

GEO. H. LEAYCRAFT,

*Historian of Bucky O'Neil Camp 15
Buffalo, N. Y.*

L. BORDMAN SMITH CAMP NO. 25, U. S. W. V.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., *June 16, 1921.*

CHAS A. STROMDAHL, *Dept. Historian, U. S. W. V.:*

DEAR COMRADE.—I have been instructed to write you and say that there have been no notable events, outside the Maine Memorial services, and the usual Memorial Day, May 30, exercises held in this camp this year.

Our camp historian is Comrade J. F. Hess, 243 Plymouth avenue, Rochester, N. Y.

Yours in F., P. & H.,

F. J. BOYER, *Adjutant.*

64 *Elba Street.*

HEADQUARTERS DAVID WILSON CAMP NO. 59, U. S. W. V.

K. C. Bldg., 2506 Webster ave., near Fordham road.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE.—The work of our beloved organization has reached the point where those who are to be selected to fill the various offices in the Department for the ensuing year must be capable men and of the type who possess executive ability and are able to devote their time to the work of the office to which they may be elected. In other words, they must be comrades who have a generous amount of that “Never say die” spirit and will not give up anything they start until they succeed.

With the above in view, the undersigned committee, which was appointed in accordance with a resolution unanimously adopted by the above camp, present for your consideration the name of Past Commander, Ben Rosenberg for the office of Junior Vice-Department Commander at Utica, N. Y., July 20, 1921.

We do not propose to try and show you that our candidate is better qualified to fill the office to which he aspires by pointing out what may be considered the weak points of his opponents. On the contrary, we believe that every comrade who seeks the office of Junior Vice-Commander, is qualified to fill that office and that every encouragement should be given to those who love the principles of our organization enough to slave for them, but nevertheless we sincerely believe that Past Commander, Ben Rosenberg is better equipped to fill the office by reason of his long experience and continued activity in the affairs of the United Spanish War Veterans locally, Departmental and National.

We also believe that your interest in the organization will not allow you to consider anything further than the character of the respective candidates and their records as to what they have accomplished for the good of the Department of New York and the organization in general. During the entire membership of Comrade Rosenberg in the service of his comrades, no word has ever been raised against him that would act against his holding office. He is also in a position to devote a greater part of his time to the office and we present his record for your careful consideration.

1909.—Joined the above camp March 4, 1909, and was one of its reorganizers, serving in that capacity with our beloved Past Department Commander, Ralph H. Parker. Upon reorganization of the camp, he was elected Officer of the Guard.

1910.—Unanimously elected Officer of the Day.

1911.—Unanimously elected Junior Vice-Commander.

1912.—Served as Camp Adjutant. During that year the membership increased from 72 to 154 and the treasury from \$16.32 to \$384.56.

1913.—Served as Assistant Department Adjutant during which time he devoted every evening during the year to the work of his office, without any thought of reward.

1914.—Elected Camp Commander and increased the membership from 168 to 219 with a substantial increase in the treasury.

1915.—Appointed Camp Chaplain and Special National Aide-de-camp assigned to special work at National Headquarters in connection with a recruiting campaign.

1916.—Continued to serve as Camp Chaplain.

1917.—Reappointed as Camp Adjutant, during which time he gave to the office the same painstaking attention that marked his previous service in the office.

1918.—Appointed as Chairman of the recruiting committee.

1919.—Reappointed as special aide-de-camp by Commander-in-Chief, William Jones, who remembered his previous activity and was again glad to have the benefit of his advice and experience in the work of National Headquarters.

1920.—In response to the repeated wish of his comrades he again assumed the office of Camp Commander, and recruiting again became the slogan of the camp. Reference to the report of the year indicates a greater increase than during his previous term. He also was the originator of the movement to erect the monument in memory of Past Department Commander Ralph H. Parker, and through his untiring efforts the sum of \$1,240 was raised in less than eight months' time and made possible the dedication of the monument on June 5, 1921.

In addition to his many other duties, Comrade Rosenberg in 1914 created "The Live Wire," the camp publication, and is still its editor.

Another point which I wish to bring to your attention, and one that we believe will strongly bear out our contention, that the only thought of Comrade Rosenberg has been, to serve his comrades. During the twelve years of his membership he has never missed a meeting of his camp or any committee meeting to which he may have been appointed. Does this not show the unselfish nature of the comrade, as during that time he has never been a candidate for any office in the Department?

We have presented his record and this concludes our appeal for your support of the candidacy of Comrade Ben Rosenberg. To you, the active men in the order, no further testimonials are necessary. You have a service record before you that bears the imprint CHARACTER EXCELLENT; SERVICE HONEST AND FAITHFUL.

Whether he shall continue in your service, you are to say. To

you is intrusted the writing of the inscription: " NO OBJECTION TO RE-ENLISTMENT IN OUR SERVICE.

Yours in F., P. & H.,

MICHAEL J. LEARY, *Past Commander,
Chairman Campaign Committee.*

Commander, Geo. H. Stelljes.
Senior Vice-Commander, Henry Stroh.
Junior Vice-Commander, Chas. B. Wilson.
Past Commander, Theo. F. Schmidt.
Past Commander, Walter V. McCoy.
Past Commander, Frank D. Lakestream.
Past Commander, William Jones.
Past Commander, William Losee.
Past Commander, Edw. H. Martin.
Past Commander, John J. Kain.
Past Commander, William C. Wild.
Past Commander, Arthur E. G. Fuller.
Past Commander, William S. Styles.
Past Commander, John A. Connor.

P. E. SKINNER, COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHER.

OLEAN, N. Y., July 8, 1921.

CHAS. A. STROMDAHL, *Department Historian, Jamestown, N. Y.:*

DEAR COMRADE.—Have been ill and unable to answer your letter at once, but our only event of note was our annual dance May 6, 1921.

Will send you all the news except those mentioned in your letter.

Yours in F., P. & H.,

PAUL E. SKINNER,

U. S. W. V. No. 60.

810 Irving St, Olean, N. Y.

JAMAICA, L. I., June 3, 1921.

COMRADE CHAS. A. STROMDAHL, *State Historian, Albany, N. Y.:*

DEAR SIR.—Complying with orders No. 9 I now forward the following as being Camp Historian for Geo. H. Tilly Camp No. 66 up to above date and kindly inform when the next report has to be submitted.

Installation January 5, 1921. Entertainment April 9, 1921. Memorial Service in Church, Rev. Andrew Magill, Presbyterian, May 29, 1921. Block party, Geo. H. Tilly Camp No. 66, with Maryanna Lair No. 5 M. O. S attraction, May 21, 1921.

Hoping this is satisfactory and wishing for the best success of U. S. W. V., I remain

Yours in F., P. & H.,

HENRY A. WILKE,

46 Meyer Ave., Jamaica, L. I.



W. S. FREDENRICH
Department Historian

HIGHLAND FALLS, N. Y., June 6, 1921.

State Historian Dep't., U. S. W. V.:

DEAR COMRADES.—In addition to the Memorial Services held May 30, 1921 at St. Peter's Cemetery, Haverstraw, N. J., Admiral Cook Camp No. 69 dedicated a monument to the memory of Comrade W. F. Woods, Past Commander of Admiral Cook Camp, deceased, late of Co. F, 21st U. S. Infantry. The services were largely attended by the Comrades of Admiral Cook Camp in full uniform.

Commander Nicholas Erickson delivered a very appropriate address assisted by Comrade Robert Evans.

Yours,

FRED GORST, *Past Commander,*
Admiral Cook Camp, Historian.

D. J. JOHNSON CAMP No. 74, U. S. W. V.

COHOES, N. Y., May 27, 1921.

COMRADE CHARLES A. STROMDAHL, *Department Historian, U. S. W. V., 106 Stowe Street, Jamestown, N. Y.:*

DEAR COMRADE.—Complying with general orders No. 9, Headquarters United Spanish War Veterans, Department of New York, and your letter, dated May 24th, to Commander Francis D. Phillips, I hereby make the following report on behalf of our Camp Historian, Comrade Samuel H. Foster (who is absent from the city), in reference to notable events which have occurred in Johnson Camp No. 74, U. S. W. V., during his term of office, viz..

1. Organization of an auxiliary to Johnston Camp No. 74.
2. Awarded a prize of \$10 in gold to eighth grade scholar writing best essay on subject of "Spanish American War."
3. Observance of muster day.

Respectfully submitted in F., P. & H.,

GEO. W. ANDREW,

Adjutant.

COL. JOHN C. BUTLER CAMP NO. 86, U. S. W. V.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., June 29, 1921.

CHARLES A. STROMDAHL, *Dept. Historian:*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE.—Inclosed you will find your letter which I received from Commander H. P. Wellman, asking me to reply to same.

Inclosed you will find all the happenings most important to our camp. I hope they will be satisfactory to your request.

Past Commander,

RUSSELL A. BABCOCK,
125 Putnam Street, Syracuse, N. Y.

STATE HISTORIAN, DEPT. OF NEW YORK, U. S. W. V.,
106 STOWE ST., JAMESTOWN, N. Y., *May, 25, 1921.*

COMMANDER H. P. WELLMAN, Col. *John G. Butler Camp No. 86,*
U. S. W. V., 311 Hoefler Street, Syracuse, N. Y.:

DEAR COMRADE.—In compliance with general orders No. 9 approved of by Department Commander Lanigan, please forward this communication to Camp Historian to report in writing of all notable events excepting memorial exercises, observances and dedications which have occurred in your camp during his term of office.

An early report on this subject and name of Camp Historian will be appreciated.

Yours in F., P. & H.,

CHARLES A. STROMDAHL,

Department Historian.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., *June 1, 1921.*

At a regular meeting of Col. John G. Butler Camp No. 86, United Spanish War Veterans, held at Smith Hall, No. 318 Smith street, in the city of Syracuse, New York, on the 1st day of June, 1921, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the camp, to wit:

Resolved, That whereas the Great Commander has mustered into the Great Army above, our late comrade in arms Lieutenant Cleveland W. McDermott, who lost his life in an Aeroplane accident at Indian Head, Maryland, May 28, 1921, while in the faithful performance of his duty.

Be it then further resolved, That we, the members of John G. Butler Camp No. 86, United Spanish War Veterans, deeply mourn the loss of our esteemed comrade, who was justly popular among his comrades in arms, and by reason of his lovable character had endeared himself to every one of them.

And be it further resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his father (John McDermott) and surviving relatives, the Syracuse Post Standard, Syracuse Herald, and the Syracuse Journal, and the official organ of the United Spanish War Veterans.

HARRISON P. WELLMAN,¹

Commander,

CHAS. A. E. SELLWOOD,

Adjutant.

Committee.—Comrade John C. Miller, Sergeant John Strain, C. F. Pickerell.

The above named camp turned out in a body and attended the funeral to show its respects.

COL. JOHN G. BUTLER CAMP NO. 86, DEPARTMENT OF
NEW YORK,

SYRACUSE, N. Y., 1921.

At a regular meeting of the Col. John G. Butler Camp No. 86, United Spanish War Veterans, held at Smith Hall, No. 318 South State street, in the city of Syracuse, New York, on the 4th day of May, 1921, the following resolution was duly moved, seconded and adopted, to wit: Resolved, That whereas, Joseph Hernegham, a comrade in good standing in the Col. John G. Butler Camp No. 86 of the United Spanish War Veterans, has recently suffered the misfortune of losing by fire his home and all his worldly goods and effects at his late residence on Montrose avenue, in the village of Solvay, adjoining the city of Syracuse, New York; and

Whereas, His family, consisting of his wife, and two minor children, are by reason thereof in dire distress, and

Whereas, This camp has rendered said comrade all the assistance at its command; and

Whereas, It is the consensus of opinion of this camp that said comrade is in immediate need of still further assistance, and that his circumstances are such as should appeal to the humanitarian attention of the general public, of village of Solvay and the said city of Syracuse.

Now, therefore, it is resolved that this camp take necessary steps and measures to solicit and collect funds from the general public of the said village of Solvay and the said city of Syracuse, for the purpose of furnishing a home and other necessities for said comrade Joseph Hernegham, and that all funds so received be used by this camp through its regular officers for that purpose.

HARRISON P. WELLMAN,

Commander.

CHAS. A. E. SELLWOOD,

Adjutant and Secretary.

GEORGE W. RAY CAMP NO. 105, U. S. W. V.,

NORWICH, N. Y., June 14, 1921.

MR. CHAS. A. STROMDAHL, *Department Historian:*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE.—Yours of the 28 ult. at hand and contents noted.

Will reply by saying that our camp here has no historian and there has not been anything of importance happened during the past year, out of the ordinary, except that we have turned out for a few military funerals of World War Veterans, who have been sent home.

Thanking you for writing me and wishing you success, I remain,

Yours in F. P. & H.,

WARREN D. WILSON,

Commander,

6 Hayward Ave., Norwich, N. Y.

HEADQUARTERS E. M. HOFFMAN CAMP NO. 40.

ELMIRA, N. Y., June 22, 1921.

COMRADE CHARLES STROMDAHL, *Department Historian, Department of New York, 106 Stowe Street, Jamestown, N. Y.:*

DEAR COMRADE.—Having been out of the city of late on vacation on my return in my mail I found your communication in regards to Camp Historian's report. My historian left the city a month ago, to seek employment and located in Homer, N. Y. I have not a historian at present and will attend to it myself.

Since last July I have mustered in thirty-two comrades, and at the present time have 82 members in good standing. In April we observed Lincoln, Washington and the Battle Ship Maine, Memorial Days. And at the same time we presented a tablet made from the relic of the Maine to our high school academy, with appropriate services. At the time of the installation of officers in January we gave a public installation, Dept. Commander Lanigan and Junior Vice-Department Commander Wood were present besides many prominent speakers. Two hundred and twenty guests participated in the ceremonies, one of the greatest events the camp and visitors ever witnessed.

This is my second year as Camp Commander. At my first installation the camp was paying per capita tax on twenty members and today we are paying on eighty-two members, an increase of sixty-two up to date and eight applications on the table. On June 13th, we observed Flag Day with appropriate services and with a large attendance.

My camp on the second meeting of the month always gives a smoker which is very helpful to all concerned, and it is my advice to all camps to do the same, for there is comradeship created by so doing, and a general good feeling is expressed by all. On annual muster night every comrade presented himself to be re-obligated. I would like this report presented before the Convention at Utica.

Yours in F., P. & H.,

C. E. CORTWRIGHT,

Commander Camp No. 40.

305½ South Ave., Elmira, N. Y.

HEADQUARTERS STATE ARMORY, CAMP R. C. ANDERSON No. 26, U. S. W. V.

OSWEGO, N. Y., May 30, 1921.

State Historian, Department of New York, U. S. W. V., 106 Stowe Street, Jamestown, N. Y.:

DEAR COMRADE.—Your letter of May 23d, received. I have the honor to report to you that a notable event in this camp has been the visit of Department Senior Vice-Commander, Leonard S. Spire

to our camp last October, and that is all except the memorial exercises, observances and dedications, etc.

The name of the Camp Historian is Leonard M. Himes.

Yours in F. P. & H.,

JOHN J. HARESIGN,

Commander No. 26.

By PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WILLIAM JONES:

I move that it be the sense of this Encampment that all nominations for the convention city for 1922, be made tomorrow morning, so that they can appear on our regular printed ballot.

Motion seconded and carried.

So ordered.

By COMRADE GOODWIN (No. 62):

Am I correctly informed that I was named as one of the Resolution Committee?

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

Yes.

By COMRADE GOODWIN (No. 62):

I would like to ask to be excused from that committee. I am not feeling particularly well and I would ask that you withdraw my name and substitute some other comrade.

By COMRADE HERRICK:

I accepted the membership of the Resolution Committee with the understanding that Comrade Goodwin be chairman of it. If I had not known that he was not going to serve I would not have consented.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

I appreciate your position comrade and I know that there is a good deal of work on the committee, but if it would not be too much of a tax on your strength, I would most respectfully ask that you stay on that committee.

By COMRADE GOODWIN:

Now, that I understand that Comrade Herrick will be on the committee, and that his broad shoulders will bear most of the work, I will consent to remain.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

A question has been asked, where will the Resolutions Committee meet to receive the resolutions.

By COMRADE GOODWIN:

My headquarters are in the Utica. I will be at every session of the Convention and I would suggest that all resolutions be in the hands of the committee not later than the third day — the morn-

ing of the third day. That is about all we can handle. No more resolutions will be entertained after that. There is considerable labor attached to it, there is no doubt about that. In order to pass upon these resolutions, it is necessary to give them some thought and study.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

I hope you will heed what the chairman of the Resolutions Committee has stated. I will ask that you give them that attention which they ask and that all the resolutions which you wish to submit be submitted not later than 10 o'clock of the third day of the Convention. If there is any objection to that I would like to have them set it forth now. Otherwise they will not be received after that time.

Is there anything further to come before this Convention before I proceed to close?

This afternoon, comrades, you have an entertainment at Utica Park. I am advised by the committee here that the four tickets which you received in your envelopes, with your credentials, admit you to Utica Park, and if you attend I think you will be well repaid.

Motion made and seconded that we adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9:30 A. M.

Motion carried and so ordered.

MORNING SESSION, THIRD DAY, JULY 19, 1921,
AT 9:30 A. M.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

Comrades, this meeting will please come to order.

Officers of the Day, advance the colors.

In the absence of Rev. Father Richard P. O'Connor, I will ask Comrade Rosenberger of Camp No. 59 to lead us in prayer.

Almighty Father, we humbly bow before Thee and acknowledge our entire dependence upon Thee and Thy supreme dominion over us. Oh, God of Light, send Thy Holy Spirit into the deliberations of this Convention and grant it may be guided by Thy wisdom and regulated by love, and that all it may resolve upon shall be towards the strengthening of our comradeship, the increase of our devotion to one another and to our country. Bless our organization and make it an instrument of great good and at last receive it into that great army of the faithful, for Christ's sake, Amen.

By DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT FRANK J. SCHREIBER:

Comrades, Department Commander and Comrades, we have arrived at what may be termed the most important period of our deliberations, the selection of a leader for the ensuing year.

This is a solemn moment, worthy of our highest considerations. Behind us there is a record of achievement in which every one of us takes the greatest pride. We think with gratification of the wonderful accomplishments of the Past Commanders. As members of the greatest Department of our organization, we are charged and in duty bound to uphold and continue this record unblemished and untarnished.

Inspired and encouraged by the memories of the work of these leaders, we meet to elect and choose another Commander competent to carry out the work that has been initiated. This Convention should not be bounded by the ambitions of men, but should extend to the furthest combines of the organization.

Evidently this Department is now rich in material from which to choose a leader.

From the many comrades it is our duty to select a man best fitted, most competent and experienced and with that courage that will bring to a successful consummation those things in the course of development which are of the greatest good for the organization, legislation and the completion of those things now under way. For those reasons it seems to me that this department should select a man as its Department Commander as its highest representative, who will continue to lead it on to victory. I have the honor this morning to present for your consideration, as a candidate for Department Commander, the name of a Comrade not because he is the favored son of a certain section, not because he has the ability and the integrity alone, but because in him we know there is embodied and I believe possessed, all those excellent elements which are required and which qualify him for leadership at this time.

His record is one to inspire every comrade and every Veteran that has the interests of the organization at heart. As soon as he was admitted to membership in the organization he did all in his power to promote its success. Beginning with his first year he has held many important offices. He has been historian, trustee and secretary, Department Marshal, Department Junior Commander and Department senior Vice Commander.

One of the outstanding accomplishments as Senior Vice Department Commander has been the organization and institution of four new camps in his district, the first new camps added to this Department since 1916, a gain of 150 men to the organization, and they are with us today on this convention floor.

For a long time he has been associated with the ablest men in the organization, and he has that poise and judgment that comes from long experience in active life and with constant contact with big men.

This Department chose Gannon and Lanigan, not because of their unselfish devotion to the organization, but rather for the benefits to be derived from them.

The name of Spire will be linked with their administration, as the Marshal and the Senior and Junior Vice Commander who

has stood faithfully by them and helped to crystallize their efforts into fruition. Unto whom can we turn at this time, comrades, with greater confidence for a Department Commander? His continued service as a Department Officer has given him a thorough knowledge of all parts of the department, it has made him familiar with the needs of the members. No one has ever aspired for the leadership of this organization who was more ideally prepared for them than Leonard S. Spire. (Applause.)

Can we doubt then that as Commander, he will show the same wisdom, the same courage and zeal that he has displayed again and again as Camp Commander, as Junior Vice Commander, and as Senior Vice Commander?

I say Comrades if we elect him we may be assured that the high caliber of our Department Commanders will be continued. We may also be assured that the honor and dignity of this department, which has always been maintained, will be continued to be maintained.

It is therefore, Comrades, that I say again I have the great honor to nominate for the exalted office of Department Commander, the present Senior Vice Commander, who since his admission to the organization has been a source of strength to us. (Applause.)

COMRADE O' NEIL (No. 15):

(Tries to get the floor)

COMRADE PIERCE of Camp No. 1.

Comrades, I hereby second his nomination.

COMRADE FELLIS of Camp No. 91.

Comrades, upon looking over the records of the last year and the past performances of the Senior Vice Commander, I have the honor of seconding the nomination of Leonard S. Spire.

COMRADE BRAET of Camp No. 3.

Comrades I take great pleasure in seconding this nomination.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

Are there any further nominations?

By COMRADE DONOVAN:

I take great pleasure in placing the name of Past Senior Vice Commander, William A. Foster, in nomination for the position of Department Commander.

I will state that I am placing a man in nomination for this important office who is pretty well known. I am not going to indulge in any extended remarks on this subject, I am simply going to read a resolution, the Liscum Wheeler Camp No. 33, United Spanish War Veterans on July 6, 1921, adopted the following resolution by a rising vote: "Whereas, Comrade Foster has always taken a deep interest in all things pertaining to the welfare of the organization and to which he has given freely of his time and money, and whereas

when the Convention was going begging at Binghamton a year ago, Comrade Foster came to the front and asked for the Convention to be held at Utica. He did this himself. He did not have at that time the backing of his Camp, but he knew that when he obligated himself that the Camp in our city would be back of him, and whereas he has shown his interest in the success of the encampment by his hard work, and having been honored by his camp by making him chairman of the Encampment Committee, and whereas the people of Oneida County by their votes have shown what they thought of him by electing him County Treasurer of Oneida County, by the largest majority ever given a County Treasurer, and whereas Comrade Foster, as County Treasurer of the County of Oneida, through whose hands millions of dollars of the people of Oneida County, pass through yearly, a position not obtainable by a man who is not courteous, painstaking and of rigid integrity, and whereas realizing his peculiar fitness for the office of Department Commander and feeling that he has earned it, now therefore, be it resolved that we ask the support of every camp in the Department of New York of the candidacy of the Past Senior Vice Department Commander, William A. Foster of Utica, N. Y., for Department Commander of the State of New York, and we pledge ourselves to use all honorable means to the end that our Camp may be honored and that Comrade Foster may be elected to the said office of Department Commander. This resolution is signed by all the Past Commanders of Liscum Wheeler Camp, by the delegates and by the present Commander.

By COMRADE DILLON, Camp No. 78.

Comrades, I take great pleasure in seconding the nomination of William A. Foster.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN :

Comrades, are there any further nominations?

By COMRADE WATKINS No. 4.

COMRADE DEPARTMENT LANIGAN.—Comrades and Shipmates, this is the first time the word shipmates, has been referred to in addressing you, the word comrades only has been used. I think it appropriate to also observe and address you as shipmates. I think there are some of us here.

Comrades and shipmates, My understanding is that we are gathered here in convention to select from the comrades and shipmates of the Department of New York, a man whom we believe to be the best qualified for the high and exalted position to represent us as the United Spanish War Veterans.

I feel honored in being permitted at this time the privilege of the floor to place in nomination the name of a comrade whom I believe qualified to fill the office which you have in your gift to bestow upon him. My understanding of the office is that it is our purpose to select a comrade whom we believe has the necessary

qualifications, mentally as well as physically to carry out the functions of that high office.

The comrade that I am about to place in nomination became associated with this organization in 1905.

In 1915 he was appointed Department Patriotic Instructor and made his tours of inspection and one which will stand in the annals of the organization concerns this convention city. Liscum Camp was then in a very bad condition at the time of his inspection, and knowing that there was another camp in this city, he remained over for the meeting for the Wheeler camp and after attending that meeting he analyzed the conditions existing here and reported back to the Department that it would be wise to consolidate the two camps. Hence you have in this convention city now the one strong camp which is called Liscum Wheeler Camp.

In 1918 the camp of which he has the privilege of being a member concluded that for the good and welfare of the camp as for the department, gave to him that gift which is the highest gift in a camp, which is the highest gift which any camp has to give to one comrade and that is the office of Commander of the Camp. You all know his service in the transportation Department. You all know that he has been ever ready to give his full and undivided attention and time to provide proper transportation facilities to take you and to take me to and from the Convention City.

It would be unfair at this time if I lost the opportunity to elaborate for a moment on the splendid and most efficient manner in which the transportation to and from the convention City of Binghamton was conducted last year and so in keeping with his policy as a railroad man and transportation aid, past performances are only being repeated by the manner in which the delegation from New York City was brought to this beautiful city on Sunday just past. Those that travelled on the train leaving New York at 10:10 know the manner in which we were brought to this city of Utica.

Comrades and Shipmates, I wish to place before you the name of a comrade one that will inspire your admiration and is entitled to your consideration, one who in my honest belief, otherwise it would be an insult to your intelligence, if I came up here and presumed upon your time, if I did not honestly think that the man I am about to nominate was not qualified for that high and excellent office of Department Commander of the Empire State. I am satisfied in my own mind and I leave the judgment to you in the casting of the ballots, the Comrade whose name I have the distinction and privilege to present before this convention for the office of Department Commander of the State of New York is Comrade William E. Snyder.

BY COMRADE WAHLE (No. 43):

Department Commander Lanigan, and Comrades, it affords me a moment in my life when I am proud to think I can stand before

my comrades and shipmates and second the nomination for the office of Department Commander of the United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York, a man whom I know will represent us along progressive lines and a man who will look out for the interests of each and every comrade and shipmate whose aid is sought. I know from my own personal experience and my associations with the candidate that he has the ability, that he has the integrity, that he has the very necessary qualification which will fit him eminently for this high and important office.

I wish to say at this time that our Department is on the brink of a precipice and we need a leader in regard to such matters who will gather about him not only the men of his own camp but of every comrade in the Department, we need his personal and individual efforts in behalf of such measures as are now being passed upon I think it would be a mistake to elect any other man, this is a crisis, and unless we elect such a man as William E. Snyder to that high office, then our organization for a long period of time will be relegated to oblivion.

I take great pleasure in urging upon you to support William E. Snyder, and I take greater honor in seconding his nomination.

BY COMRADE WILSON, Camp No. 5:

Department, Commander Lanigan, and comrades, as one of members of one of the smaller camps, I can only say that we are proud to be able to support and second the nomination of William E. Snyder as a candidate for Department Commander.

BY COMRADE SCHLECTER (No. 22):

Department Commander Lanigan and Comrades.—It affords me great pleasure as a representative of my camp to second the nomination of William E. Snyder.

BY COMRADE SAX (No. 66):

Department Commander Lanigan, and Comrades, it is with a feeling of distinct honor and pleasure that I second the nomination of Comrade Snyder, and urge his nomination and election.

BY COMRADE PALMER, Camp No. 20:

Department Commander Lanigan, and Comrades, I rise to second the nomination of William E. Snyder for the high and exalted office of Department Commander because he is a man of progressive ideas and that is what we want. It is time you woke up to progressive ideals and to men that can do something.

BY COMRADE MORRIS, Camp No. 16:

Department Commander Lanigan and Comrades, I second the nomination of William E. Snyder for the office of Department Commander of the State of New York.

BY PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER GANNON:

Department Commander Lanigan and Comrades, of this encampment —

I probably would not have risen to second the nomination had it not occurred to me that from hints in the newspapers and some actions of some comrades has forced me to speak very plainly.

There has been three candidates submitted here for your consideration, and my reason for rising is that I am conceited enough to think that I am qualified to a certain degree to state in my own humble way as to the qualifications of this candidate.

It is all very well to come up here a month or so before a convention and pick candidates. You can get a group of men to get behind most anyone for any office, and you can get any quantity of men who will accept designation. When one of the comrades who placed one of the candidates in nomination was speaking, I am frank to say that I did not know until he was finished who he was going to name this time. I have known him to mention in the last month or so two different and distinct candidates for the same office. It seems for him it is only a question of getting somebody to beat somebody, it is not a question for the benefit of the organization it is trying to get away with some political trickery, to beat men who have worked for this organization very effectively for years and years. (Applause.)

I have the highest regard for the three men named. There is not a word to be said against any of them. I personally favor one more than the other but it is from the standpoint of the success of this organization, and not in their individual capacity. (Applause.)

I can call you comrades and shipmates. You know that you are comrades and shipmates, you are my comrades and you are my shipmates. I daresay there are a great many in this convention who are toiling hard and working hard to accomplish things in their camps and the same recommendation could be give to those men as has been given to those already nominated. But some stand high above others in their efforts and that is the candidate whose nomination I am going to second. I think I should be pardoned for my conceit if I say I know the needs of the organization and I know the ability of certain candidates, and when I second the nomination of Leonard S. Spire, I want to say I do so without having any feeling at all against the other candidates. If you can get a candidate who can raise in his city \$8,500 to build a Hiker monument, if you can get a candidate who has the standing that this candidate has in his own native city among such public officials and legislators it would be short sighted indeed to not avail ourselves of such a candidate. And if you want to put this legislation over that you are so deeply interested in, you better get back of such a man as Leonard S. Spire.

Comrades I take great pleasure in seconding the nomination of Leonard S. Spire for the position of Department Commander.

BY DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

Are there any other nominations?

BY COMRADE MURPHY (No. 31):

I move that the nominations be closed.

Motion seconded, and nominations declared closed.

BY DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

We will now have nominations for the office of Senior Vice Department Commander.

BY COMRADE NEALIS of No. 3:

I am no speaker and this nomination of our candidate for Senior Vice Department Commander is a little sudden. As you all know Binghamton Camp treated you royally last year and we are trying to put a candidate before you that is known throughout all the departments.

I present to you for your consideration for the office of Senior Vice Department Commander, Frank W. Wood of Camp No. 3 which as indicated by its number is one of the oldest camps in the Department and it always has been and now is, for the good of the whole Department. We ask that the vote of all the comrades feeling confident that if elected he will be a credit to the organization and will compare favorably with the other Senior Vice Department Commanders in the past.

The following offices have been held by Comrade Wood being filled with honor to the camp and comrades: Elected Commander 1904, elected Camp Commander 1919, elected Adjutant three years, he has held every office in the gift of the camp, Past G. G. G. province of New York, M. O. S. Past Supreme G. G. G. of the United States and Possessions, M. O. S. Served as chief of staff of the Past Department Commander, Thomas F. Gannon, now serving as Junior Vice Department Commander. During his term as Department officer he visited every camp in his district and has covered many miles at his own expense, always ready and willing to obey the commands of the Department Commander. We know him to be a faithful and loyal comrade and ask for him the support of your vote, confident that if he is elected he will fill the office of Senior Vice Department Commander with honor and credit to the organization and with the best interests of the United Spanish War Veterans at heart at all times.

BY COMRADE CORTRIGHT (No. 40):

Department Commander, and Comrades I consider it a great honor to stand on this convention floor for the purpose of seconding the nomination for Senior Vice Department Commander, Comrade Frank W. Wood. We have all heard the different speeches on behalf of the different candidates who have been placed in nomination for the different offices; we have all heard of their work in the past, and it seems only fitting and proper at this time to say that we are proud of the work that our candidate has done in all the high offices he has held in this Department, and I take great honor in seconding the nomination of our present

Junior Vice Department Commander to be advanced to the office of Senior Vice Department Commander.

By COMRADE SPAULDING (No. 58):

I second the nomination of Comrade Wood.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

Are there any further nominations?

By COMRADE HOLLAND of No. 12:

I second the nomination of Comrade Wood of Binghamton. It is useless to say more.

By COMRADE FRYER (No. 11):

I take great pleasure in seconding the nomination of Comrade Wood for the office of Senior Vice Department Commander.

By COMRADE DRISCOLL:

I move that the nominations for the office of Senior Vice Department Commander be closed.

Motion seconded and carried.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

We will now receive nominations for the office of Junior Vice Department Commander.

By COMRADE FRYER of Camp No. 11:

Department Commander and Comrades, I desire to place in the nomination for the office of Junior Vice Department Comrade George Alexander. It seems most fitting that the Spanish War Veterans should gather together in convention in the month of July. In July, 1776, the thirteen states of America threw off their yoke of dependence and declared themselves free and independent of England. In July, 1846, we declared our war with Mexico. In July, 1863, the Army of Potomac won at the Battle of Gettysburg, and the nation was saved. In July, 1898, on land we fought the battles of Santiago, and at sea our fleet defeated the Spanish Fleet at Santiago, so it seems most fitting that we should gather together here in July and whatever we do in this convention should be well done. As an organization you ought to know that it was only a few years ago that you came to Schenectady and you said you had a nice time, and those were the happy days before the passage of the eighteenth amendment. You told us in those days that when you could repay the favor that we only had to ask for it and it will be granted. As a camp we have done our best to perpetuate the glory of the past.

We believe for this office we have the right man for the right place. We believe that we should be recognized, our man is past commander of his camp, at the present time he is patriotic instructor and trustee of the camp, and any time we want things well done, he does it. We believe that he is equipped and has the ability to carry out the wishes and desires of you men in this organization. You can search throughout the whole department

and we do not believe that you will find a better man for this position, and we therefore take great pleasure in nominating for the office of Junior Vice Department Commander, George Alexander of Camp No. 11, and I desire to place him in nomination.

By COMRADE RILEY (No. 33):

I would like to rise and second the nomination of George Alexander of Schenectady. I have spent some time there. I am free to say that I do not believe this encampment could do any better than make the nomination of George Alexander for the office of Junior Vice Department Commander unanimous, and I therefore second his nomination.

By COMRADE HUSSON (No. 11):

I rise to second the nomination of George Alexander for the office of Junior Vice Department Commander.

By COMRADE DITMAN (No. 25):

I take great pleasure in seconding the nomination of Comrade Alexander.

By COMRADE HOLDEN (No. 51):

I take great pleasure in seconding the nomination of Comrade Alexander of Schenectady.

By COMRADE FAGAN, Camp No. 1:

I want to say in the beginning that I always wish a man in making a nomination speech to name his candidate first. When one of the speakers was talking here telling of the fine things applying to his candidate, I began to blush because I thought I had every one of those qualifications, and in saying that I am not going to let Thomas Gannon say I am conceited.

Now, Comrades, let's not take this matter too seriously. My candidate that I am going to place in nomination for the office of Junior Vice Department Commander, is Comrade Charles G. Lawrence. Just a word in support of him. He began his career in the organization and is working his way up very very slowly, and his has been one of the hardest jobs in the encampment for eight years that of Quartermaster, and at the last auditing of the books, every cent belonging to the Department was there, and that in itself seems to me to be sufficient qualification. He was assistant adjutant general when Bill Jones was Commander, he has held and is now holding many important offices, he is at present the Vice President of the organization that has charge of promoting the civil service in this State and he is giving his time, his money and his ability to promote the interest of others.

Now, comrades, it is said we are on the brink of a precipice, so be it, if so Lawrence as a bridge builder nobody can bridge this precipice better than he. He is an ideal candidate and embodies in his makeup all the characteristics which will go to make a Junior Vice Department Commander and fit him for the higher

office which should be his as a matter of right if he makes good as he surely will.

By COMRADE McKAY (No. 31):

Comrades, I am here also in behalf of that bridge. I listened to the nominating speech in which we were told we were going to oblivion if certain candidates were not nominated and elected. I don't believe that and you don't believe it. This convention is going to elect the best men presented to it. I don't believe the Spanish War Veterans are going into oblivion despite the statement of any nominee.

It is a pleasure for me at this time to stand before you and be able to look into your smiling and intelligent faces. I have listened with interest to the different speeches for the different candidates wherein there has been recited the work that has been done by the several candidates in the length of this organization. In my judgment there is not a single candidate who has been presented here in nomination but what is a worthy fellow.

I rise to second the nomination of Charles G. Lawrence. When you work with a man, when you come in contact with him in serving on committees with him and in doing various work of the organization, you get to know that man and other men who are associated with you, and I am here to tell you now that Charles G. Lawrence is a worker. As Commander of his camp, two years ago, and as a worker in the M. E. Committee, the best organization in the Spanish War Organization, Charles G. Lawrence, since he has been chairman has brought into that committee, a lot of fight, pep and work. I will tell you a little story, I refuse to be serious. I was at some place the other day, and we were drinking ginger ale, I said to the fellow who I met there — "I suppose you are a Spanish War Veteran?" And he said — "Yes, I am a Spanish War Veteran." I said — "What camp do you belong to?" He said — "I don't belong to any." I said — "If you don't belong to a camp the next time I am here, I am going to see that Mayor and get the evidence on you and have you put out of business if you don't belong to Liscom Wheeler Camp the next time I come here." Whenever you meet a veteran who does not belong to any camp, go after him, point out his duty to him to join some camp.

Gentlemen I take great pleasure in seconding the nomination of Charles G. Lawrence.

By COMRADE GARRITY of Camp 98.

Comrades I usually have a lot to say at various encampments, but this year I have come here for one purpose and that is to help select a candidate for office and elect him if possible. Personally I never aspired to any office, and never will, because I don't think I am big enough to fill the job. I don't think I am big enough to fill a department office in this organization, but I have a keen sense of who is and who is not, and if I neglected the

opportunity to get on the floor here this morning and express my mind as to the fitness of candidates, I would consider myself as neglecting my duty to this organization.

I take extreme pleasure in getting up and seconding the nomination of Charles G. Lawrence.

BY COMRADE O'CONNOR (No. 19):

I second the nomination of Charles G. Lawrence for Junior Vice Department Commander.

BY COMRADE FALLS, Camp No. 91:

I have heard the previous speakers mention comrades and shipmates, and there is one branch of the service they missed, and that is coal passers. I hope no matter how the election is to turn out today, that we will have the same harmony that we have always had in the past. Someone always loses in these contests. Every organization saw fit to select a man to handle the finances in that organization and they selected a man as chairman of the finance committee, a man that they know by past experience that will not benefit a bit by anything the soldiers will gain by legislation. Charles G. Lawrence is that kind of a man and I am pleased to get up and place his nomination or rather second the nomination of Comrade Lawrence.

BY COMRADE CUNNINGHAM (No. 2):

Comrades and Shipmates, today we have an opportunity to select from the vast membership of this organization various comrades who would be fitted for the positions to which they are elected. We hold that the men already nominated, are men who if elected, the interests of this organization will not suffer.

We know we could pick out from almost the entire representation here, men that could fill any office within the gift of the membership of this encampment, but it is our duty to be careful and endeavor to get the best.

Now we have heard with interest the records of past performances of the candidates already nominated.

There is another comrade whose name has been mentioned and spoken about among the candidates here, whose record is excellent.

The comrade whom I will place in nomination helped to reorganize the camp of which he is now a member. He was unanimously elected the Officer of the Day of that Camp. In 1912 he was unanimously elected Junior Vice Commander. In 1913 he served as Assistant Department Adjutant and in 1914, he was elected camp commander and during his time as camp commander, his camp increased in membership from 160 to 218. In 1915, after serving as camp Commander, one term, he accepted the appointment of Camp Chaplain. In 1916 he continued to serve as Camp Chaplain, in 1917 he was Camp Adjutant, in 1919, he became Chairman of the Recruiting Committee, and also served on the staff, and in 1920 in response to the wishes of his comrades he again resumed the office of Camp Commander. Now you can look

at the record of this man and his organization, where can you find the record of a comrade any better than that. I am going to say for the information of those present that in addition to the service which I have described as rendered by him, that he has never missed a meeting of his camp. Is there any comrade that could beat that record?

Comrades I am not going to take up much of your time but I want to bring out another point, and that is that we believe strongly that anyone of those three candidates would ably fill the office but we are more strongly convinced that Comrade Ben Rosenberg has just got a little bit of a shade on the other two because of his experience, because of his faithfulness, and because of his ability.

Now, comrades, his character, excellent service, faithfulness, and integrity in office in the interest of this organization, if that counts for anything, each and every one of you, it seems to me, is in duty bound to vote for Ben Rosenberg for the office of Junior Vice Department Commander.

I take great pleasure in presenting for the consideration of the veterans of this encampment the name of Comrade Ben Rosenberg for the office of Junior Vice Department Commander.

By PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER McFARLAND:

I take great pleasure in seconding the nomination of Ben Rosenberg for the office of Junior Vice Department Commander, and in saying that you will make no mistake in electing him to that office. He is a live wire for the organization, he is acquainted with the needs of the men, there is not need to go into his record, you all know it, and if not, his record is available to all of you. I take great pleasure in seconding the nomination of Ben Rosenberg for the office of Junior Vice Department Commander.

By COMRADE O'MARA (No. 26):

It gives me great pleasure to get up here and second the nomination of Comrade Rosenberg for the office of Junior Vice Department Commander.

I don't believe a comrade in this convention that knows him better than I, I have worked with him in this organization and I can say that he is a glutton for work, works effectively and in my judgment is the livest wire in the Department of New York.

By COMRADE BOLLING (No. 53.):

Comrades, I take great pleasure in seconding the nomination of Ben Rosenberg.

By COMRADE COX (No. 43.):

I also take great pleasure in seconding the nomination of Ben Rosenberg for the important office of Junior Vice Department Commander.

By COMRADE SPELLMAN (No. 59.):

COMRADES, I won't detain the convention very long. I just wish to second the nomination of Comrade Rosenberg, as Junior Vice

Department Commander, and say that I believe that the entire encampment should support his candidacy for that important office.
By PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER GANNON:

This was the seconding that I was presumed to make. The other was more of an extemporaneous and spontaneous talk. The three candidates that have been mentioned according to the last nominator are equal in ability. That is to say that is no preference in regard to that. That being the case, then the question arises, why does one camp want it all? Wilson Camp, No. 59, has had two commanders in this department, and a Commander in chief. Aren't there any other camps in New York? Aren't there any other local comrades, who are worthy? Let us be fair about this proposition, and that point is especially emphasized when it is conceded that the three candidates are equal in ability. Comrade Lawrence is modest and unassuming, and tireless in his efforts in behalf of this organization, he never wanted this office, but his friends got together and said here is a fellow that has for years and years spent his money, his time and ability and they said let us give him some honor in this Department. Comrade Lawrence has done very effective work in legislative matters, as well as in the M. E. Committee.

I recall also to show the unselfishness of the comrades, that Wilson Camp owes an obligation to Charles Lawrence which they can never repay. No member of Wilson camp went from here to Frisco to second the nomination of their Commander. Charles Lawrence did and spent his time and money to go from coast to coast. Is that the return that he receives now? Comrades I haven't mentioned a word that can be denied. Comrades I am not interested in this from any selfish standpoint, there isn't anything that any of the comrades elected can do for me. The only thing they can do for me is to do something for you, and that is the reason I am asking, and that is the reason I got up in the first instance because for the two years that I was honored by holding the position of Department Commander of this organization, I became acquainted with the work of the men. We want to continue a man like Charles G. Lawrence in this organization, and because he is all that a candidate for this office should be, I take great pleasure in seconding the nomination of Charles G. Lawrence for Junior Vice Department Commander, and hope you will work and vote for him for that important office.

By PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JONES (No. 59.):

COMRADES, It was not my intention to take the floor at any time during the nominating speeches and speak in favor of any of the candidates, but I do believe that the time has come when I have to rise to the defense of not only the candidate that I am supporting, but because of the attack made upon my camp. Wilson Camp is not selfish. In my judgment it is not a matter of camp, it is a matter of individual, and if Wilson Camp has a man who is eminently fitted for any office, the fact that he is from Wilson

Camp is of no importance. It is the individual we want, no matter from what camp he hails. Comrades, I have no apologies to make for the men of Wilson Camp has furnished this organization. We have given the organization workers. We furnished the best worker this organization ever had, and that is Past Department Commander, Ralph H. Parker. I don't have to make any apologies for representing Wilson Camp. It is true that Wilson Camp has had officers, but these comrades, I would like to emphasize this point too, that when they wanted workers to help them in their administration, they came to Wilson Camp on two different occasions, and got the Department Adjutant to support their administration. We are not selfish, we are trying to give you the best we have.

Now, as to Comrade Rosenberg, it is true that no comrade of my camp went to San Francisco. Unfortunately the majority of the comrades are not able to bear the financial obligations of such a trip. Now as to Comrade Rosenberg's confining his activities to his camp. I don't have to defend that, you know his activities has not only been in his camp, but his work has spread all over the state and so comrades when it is said that Comrade Rosenberg confined his activities to Wilson Camp alone, I ask you to look over his record thoroughly which is before you. I want to say again I do not rise to make any apologies for Wilson Camp, I want to say, if every camp in this organization took the same interest in the affairs of the organization that we do, we wouldn't have to go around begging as we do. We believe that we present in him the best candidate and I think it is up to you to nominate and elect him.

BY COMRADE RILEY (No. 11):

Comrades, I didn't intend to say anything, but I have been prompted by the remarks of Past Commander Gannon also by the remarks of Past Commander Jones, to say a word. Past Commander Gannon says why should one camp be looking for it all? If that is so, that cannot be said of Griffin camp. We never have had anything. Now everything that has been said by the nominators of the different candidates may be true, comrades, remember every man can not work in New York City. You have got some work to be done up state. When it comes to work and service in the Department, our camp does not take a back seat for any camp in this whole organization. We don't have to take off our hats for any camp from the Hudson River up, for hard work or for anything in which the Spanish War Veterans are concerned. Any time we are called upon to do anything, whether it is subscribe money or to send candidates down here, you will find that we are working for good of all, doing everything that we can for the best interests for the whole. We done something in Schenectady this Spring, we went before the Board of Supervisors of Schenectady County, with a small committee and asked that Board to appropriate sufficient money to erect a Hiker Monument in

Schenectady. It was the first time known in the history of the United States where money was appropriated by a County Board of Supervisors for a purpose of this kind and it was appropriated inside of fifteen minutes and this was all done under the supervision of our Department Commander. Our Candidate is not the selection of one man or of any group of men in our camp, but every man from the Commander down is for him. This man may not be known or may not have attended many conventions. It must be apparent to all of you men that a man's life and business, comes first, and the man that does not look out for his family and himself would not look out for the welfare of any organization he is affiliated with. This man is a young engineer down at the Electric Works. He has worked himself to a position, at the present time, where he feels and he can feel that he can afford to spend the time necessary to fill this important office in the Department, and if this man is elected which I no doubt he will be and if he does not make good I will be one of the first to vote against him promote the candidacy of a man who will run against him in the future. Now as to the qualifications of our candidate, there has nothing been said about the other candidates, but what applies to ours with this exception. Last year, if you remember, we had a candidate, but in the interests of harmony, withdrew him, this year we think we are entitled to have one of the Department offices. We feel that way because we now have an ideal candidate, and in the past we have not been favored by very many favors from this department.

Gentlemen and comrades and shipmates, I ask you to consider seriously Alexander's qualifications. He has done much for different camps and for the whole department. I admit he has not been around to many conventions for the very good reasons stated, his position would not allow him, and I ask you to seriously consider this man.

By READING CLERK COON (No. 31):

There has been a grave mistake made here this morning in somebody not getting up and moving that the nominating speeches take a certain length of time and the seconding speeches take a certain length of time, and I move you that the nominations for the office of Junior Vice Department Commander be closed.

Motion seconded and carried.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

Nominations for delegates at large are now in order.

The name of Comrade Thomas J. Bourke of No. 2 Camp is placed in nomination.

The nomination is seconded.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

Are there any other nominations?

The name of Philip Riley of Camp No. 33, placed in nomination. Nomination seconded.

By COMMANDER GOODIER of Camp No. 38.

I wish to place in nomination, Comrade John J. Riley for a delegate at large.

Nomination seconded.

By COMRADE STROH:

I desire to place in nomination Comrade Irving Coon as delegate at large.

Nomination seconded.

Name of Peter A. Nealis placed in nomination for delegate at large and the nomination seconded.

By COMRADE SAXON Camp No. 36:

I wish to place in nomination Comrade Harry Lichten for the position of delegate at large.

Nomination seconded.

By PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER GANNON:

I wish to place in nomination the name of Albert J. Kennedy for delegate at large.

Nomination seconded.

The name of Paul Stobbe place in nomination for the position of delegate at large.

Nomination seconded.

By COMRADE DRISCOLL:

I move that the nominations be declared closed, and that the four candidates receiving the highest number of votes be declared elected.

Motion carried.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

We will now hear from Rt. Reverend Monsignor John C. Chidwick —

Comrades, it is a splendid thing to find so many splendid candidates aspiring to serve their department. Their high standing in the organization, the loyalty of their friends cause our nominating session to be purged with excitement. It shows interest in the organization. It is a healthy sign. If our organization were simply to receive and pass upon the nominees without a fight and without opposition, it might show a spirit of indifference, and if people are indifferent, they will not do very much work for an organization. Accordingly when we find our organization given over to impassioned nominating speeches, from localities anxious to have their favorites elevated to some high office in the department, it is a healthy sign. Another thing that I am thankful for is, when the nomination and elections have taken place, and when a man has discharged his duty towards the organization, that this organization no longer divides into factions, but those who have been the beneficiary for his work unhesitatingly and generously come forward to express their appreciation of him, his character

and his work and to give him a lasting token of their affection and esteem, and so this morning having witnessed many past sessions of our organization and having known the several struggles through which our past commander, Thomas Gannon, had to go through, it is most gratifying and fine that after he has laid down the gavel of his office, after he has discharged his duty, that you, conscious of his worth and work, wish today to give him some substantial evidence of your affection and regard, and so my good man—

(PAST COMMANDER THOMAS GANNON ESCORTED TO THE ROSTRUM).

in speaking of our past comrades, I wish to say it is a pleasure to speak for a man while he is living to listen to the good things that his friends have to say for him. It is rather lamentable that most men have flowers thrown upon their graves. We decorate their graves and say all the beautiful things to them when their ears cannot receive them.

While it is true that men should from a sense of duty, and because of the love of service that is in him at the same time, it is human and it is encouraging to find that the work that he has done, has been received with satisfaction and appreciation. Too often we lose the sense of appreciation and gratitude. Too often we find men, who after they have been discharged from office forgotten and laid aside, but you can't lay aside Tom Gannon. Although he has discharged his duty as Past Commander, his energy, his interest and his loyalty to this organization will not permit you to forget it, he will fight for what he thinks is the best interest of the whole. We all know him to be of that character, he has signalized his office as Past Commander, as a strong, decisive, honest, faithful executive. I have seen him beat down friend as well as those who opposed, I have seen him stand for principle when his friends took the opposite side, I have seen him discharge his duty under the most trying personal circumstances. I know him and you all know him to be a man strong, honest, fearless and faithful.

I therefore take it as a great pleasure this morning, a very great pleasure, in your name to present to our Past Department Commander this emblem and badge of his office, a emblem of gold, which is emblematical of the gold of his character and the gold of our affection. He is a fighter, and as he fought in the Spanish War so has he fought for the Spanish War interests, he is a fighter for everything that is good and honorable and holy and May God preserve him for many years to our organization, and may God give to us more like him, leaders who are strong, decisive and fearless, and men who will sacrifice a friend, if necessary, for the organization.

By PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER GANNON:

Department Commander, National Chaplain and Comrades, I do not know what to say in appreciation of this badge, and while

it is very valuable both from the design and in honor, I do not think I would be less appreciative if I were to say that the words spoken by our National Chaplain are valued greater. I do not mean it in the sense that some would take it, but for several years as the head of this organization, my affection for this man, whom we all love so much has increased and multiplied many times.

You can't blame me for saying that I think more of his appreciation of me than I do of the valuable badge that you have just presented me. I want to say whatever occurs to me. In the activities that I have displayed in the past, I think whatever little success followed was because I tried to do it unselfishly and I never had any ambition. Those of you remember when I was first suggested as Department Commander. I told them under no circumstances would I accept because my first experience was in the ranks, and I never thought I would make a good officer, but I was conceited enough to think I would make a good private. I always like to be on the field battling. Anything I have said during this encampment, I do not want anyone to think that I have been actuated by any selfish motives, it is of no material benefit to me, one way or the other. I only express my ideas as they come to me I want to thank the comrades for their loyal support of me, and if I have spoken in favor of anyone in particular it is because their support to me was more loyal and better than others.

I want to take this occasion to speak in favor of a periodical that I think is doing work for this organization. I am now referring to the periodical called "The Spirit of 98". I would like every comrade to take that into consideration, and try to make it a steady issue.

I want to take the opportunity again of thanking you for your kind treatment of me. I want to tell you that as long as I have any breath in my body, I will do the very best I possibly can for the organization. In the past year we have gone through a momentous period, we have put over the plate, the bill which is probably the most beneficial in the history of the legislation for the veterans, and I want you all to support it. We want you all before you leave the encampment to leave your name and address so that we can get in touch with every member in case we want to call on him when the last battle is fought on November next, thereby enabling us to rejoice the day after by knowing the State of New York has recognized their duty as you have recognized me this morning.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN :

We will now receive the nominations for cities who wish to have our next department encampment.

By COMRADE DILLON (No. 78) :

Comrades, the encampment assembled, in the years that have gone by, this encampment has gone from city to city and my city applied for it in 1912, in the city of Binghamton, we made a fight for it and were defeated, but not dismayed, we have been anxious ever

since to be able to entertain the encampment of the department of New York at the first opportunity. Lately we have been moving, we have got the backing of our city, also our Chamber of Commerce, we also have assurances of the necessary finances to give you one of the best encampments ever held in the State of New York. Our city is known as the city of Newburgh, it is fifty-eight miles from New York, probably some of you have been there and know what it is, so Gentlemen it is a great pleasure for me to place the city of Newburgh before this encampment for the encampment to be held in Newburgh in 1922. Comrade Bourke of Camp 2, has got the letter from our Chamber of Commerce and also a letter from the city council inviting this encampment to be held in 1922, and I ask you to accept the invitation from Newburgh.

By COMRADE CUNNINGHAM:

I rise to second the nomination of the city of Newburgh, but before doing so, I would move you that the Department Commander be instructed to secure the data and letters and so forth and have them put in the record.

By COMRADE CARROLL Camp No. 73.

I wish to second the nomination of the city of Newburgh. If their invitation is accepted, I am sure the comrades will see a delightful city and a patriotic one too.

The nomination of the city of Newburgh as the place to hold the next encampment was seconded by four or five other comrades whose names were not secured.

By PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER GANNON:

Department Commander Lanigan and Comrades: Anything that I am interested in, I like to talk about.

Now in regard to holding the encampment in Newburgh, I think that Comrade Dillon will bear me out in anything I say. I want to state the reason why I would like personally for the encampment to be held in Newburgh.

As you know the preference measure was sponsored by Assemblyman Martin and a certain Senator. After the passage of the bill, a majority of the boys thought it would be fine to give a testimonial for the various friends in the legislature and knowing that it would be almost impossible to do that, especially in view of the fact that we have a big campaign on our hands, I thought it would be very nice we would remember the two sponsors of the measure if they were going to be in Utica this year, and for that reason we got together and appropriated money to buy a testimonial which we are going to present to Assemblyman Martin tonight. Now Senator Baumes, who lives in Newburgh, and it would be a fine thing when the encampment is held in Newburgh next year to do with him the same as we have done with Judge Martin here in Utica, as it is the only way you can in any way show your appreciation of the hard work done for us.

I took the matter up with Assemblyman Brandee, one of the Legislative Committee of the American Legion, and I put the

proposition up to him and he said he would immediately as soon as he got to Newburgh get in touch with the Spanish War Veterans and the Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Trade.

I have heard officially that they have appropriated \$2,000, and the citizens at large \$1,000. If you can go to Newburgh, all the veteran organizations in that city, and I might say, the veteran of your city of the American Legion are probably the largest veteran bunch in the State of New York, that have got behind this proposition.

I hope unless very good and sufficient reasons exist that the encampment will vote for the city of Newburgh.

By COMRADE RILEY, Camp No. 11:

I move that the nomination for the encampment city for 1922 be closed.

Nomination seconded and carried.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

I wish that these letters that are spoken of might be handed to the Clerk so that they will be a part of the minutes of this meeting.

By COMRADE SNYDER:

Comrades, we are as yet short of a number of certificates that will entitle us to have the rate that we might expect for the return. Comrades this is a matter that you should attend to. It will be necessary for this to be done in order that I may close up my work and that the railroad officials may know how we stand.

By READING CLERK IRVING COON:

Members of the Craft and others who wish to visit the Masonic Home will meet in front of the Masonic Temple on Genesee Street at 2 P. M.

Department Historian,
United Spanish War Veterans,
Department of New York,
106 Stowe Street,
Jamestown, N. Y.,
July 15, 1921.

MR. WILLIAM LANIGAN, *Department Commander, United Spanish War Veterans, Department of New York.*

DEAR SIR.—I have the honor to herewith make my annual report as Department Historian. The following table will show the number of camps who complied with General Orders No. 9.

Nos. 1, 3, 9, 11, 15, 25, 26, 40, 45, 46, 59, 60, 66, 69, 74, 86, and 105, making the total number of camps reporting, seventeen.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. STROMDAHL.

P. S.—I regret to say that I cannot attend the encampment this year.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

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Troy, N. Y. 730A July 18, 1921.

WILLIAM LANIGAN, *State Commander, Spanish War Veterans, Convention Hall, Utica, N. Y.:*

Greetings the Kevin Barry Council of the American Association for the recognition of the Irish Republic of Troy, N. Y. most respectfully request you place before the men who faced the Spanish guns for the freedom of Cuba, the sad case of the Emerald Isle, and would most respectfully request your convention assembled to petition the State and National Governments to recognize the Irish Republic.

P. J. BOND,
President, 449 Madison St.

8:15 A. M.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

S. New York, N. Y., July 18, 1921.

WILLIAM LANIGAN, *Dept. Commander, United Spanish Veterans, Convention Hotel, Utica, N. Y.:*

Professional engagements compel my absence, the administration is to be congratulated upon its progressive record. Comrade Gannon who wrought wonderfully in legislation deserves special honor. May the spirits of fraternity, wisdom and justice echo in every comrade's heart.

MAURICE SIMMONS.

1040 P.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

FY Buffalo, N. Y., 832 A July 18, 1921.

W. A. FOSTER, *General Chairman, Spanish War Veterans Committee, Utica, N. Y.:*

Arriving in empire this afternoon. See you on arrival.

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UTICA LODGE No. 33

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS
UTICA, N. Y.

July 18, 1921.

Commander-in-Chief, United Spanish War Veterans, in Convention at Utica, N. Y.:

MY DEAR COMMANDER.—Will you kindly extend in behalf of Utica Lodge of Elks a very cordial invitation to visit the Elks' Home at the corner of Mary and Charlotte Streets. All the veterans of the Spanish War and their ladies will find a warm welcome. A bell at the front door answers the purpose of the

proverbial latch string, use it whenever you desire. We'll be glad to see you.

Believe me, I am with great respect,

AMON W. FOOTE.

Headquarters of the Ladies of the
Grand Army of the Republic
Department of New York, Office of Department,

July 17, 1921.

WILLIAM LANIGAN, *Department Commander:*

My Dear Mr. Lanigan.—Accept my heartiest good wishes in your deliberations and trust that this year has been successful and that the choice of your incoming officers will stand by the same lofty ideas that their predecessors have.

Greetings from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

SARA STERLING,
Dept. President,
Ladies of the G. A. R.

UTICA COUNCIL No. 189
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

UTICA, N. Y., July 18, 1921.

The Spanish War Veterans of New York State, in Convention Assembled:

MESSRS.—The city of Utica has many cool and inviting places in which visitors may find recreation, rest and soda water. There are also restaurants with mysterious back rooms and magic mixtures forbidden by law, but beloved by man. There are parks with multitudes of flowers, shady trees, diplomatic policemen and hornet's nests; there are beautiful cemeteries for those who are dead tired, and abandoned breweries for those who wish to recall the beloved objects and happy days of yore.

These and many other things, you will be sure to enjoy. But military delegates sometimes have a roving habit—the spirit of the raiders and marauders of war-time days. You will want to see everything that is worth seeing, eat everything that is worth eating and drink everything that has a kick to it like an army mule. Therefore when your business sessions are over you will want to meet and mingle with our people and study the architecture of our churches, orphan asylums and county jail. The cool stretches of our beautiful streets, well shaded by tall trees and short skirts will hold out inviting paths to you, and may you not have the misfortune to argue with a policeman or collide with a taxicab. But whatever the condition or inclination of your mind, whether you were shot in Cuba, or half-shot in Utica, there is one place to which you will be cordially welcome every spare hour of the time you are in Utica, and that is the Knights of

Columbus Home. We have one of the largest and finest fraternal homes of any organization in New York State, located on the main residential street of the city, Genesee Street, next door to the Public Library. We have many shower baths that will help wash the dust of travel, of the mud of Santiago from the forms of the veterans, and we have a fine swimming pool and many other attractions that will help keep you away from emergency hospitals, bootleggers and Volstead agents. You are welcome to these, and to all we have in our home, and this heartily expressed invitation is but an inkling of the fine and warm regard that our organization holds for the good and true men, veterans of the Spanish-American War, who have come to our city to take part in the State encampment of your state organization. May your stay be happy in Utica, and may no delegate feel under any moral obligation to choke to death just because the Erie Canal has gone dry.

Sincerely yours,

MAURICE F. SAMMONS,

Grand Knight Utica Council,

No. 189, Knights of Columbus.

UTICA LODGE

LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

UTICA, N. Y., *July 19, 1921.*

Officer Commanding, Spanish American War Veterans, Convention Headquarters, Utica, N. Y.:

DEAR SIR.—Utica Lodge No. 450, Loyal Order of Moose extend to you and all men under your command a cordial invitation to use the Moose Club Rooms, located at 261 Genesee Street, with the same freedom as they would the Clubs in their home cities.

Hoping that you and the men under your command may see your way clear to visit us before your departure from Utica, I am,

Very truly yours,

M. TRIMBLE,

Secretary.

BY DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

We are now ready for the report of the Resolution Committee.
BY COMRADE HERRICK:

As Chairman of the Resolution Committee, I might say we have considered all the resolutions and in each and every instance our recommendation represents the consensus of our opinion. Our very efficient Secretary, Comrade Amey will read the resolutions.

Whitestone, N. Y.

Resolution, That pressure be brought to bear upon country, state and city officials to see that the law in reference to the uses

of the American Flag for decorations be strictly adhered to and further pressure be brought to see that the Emblem of the Nation is not degraded or misused in any way for advertising purposes.

VIRGIL G. HAMMOND, P. C.

Capt. W. S. Overton, Jr. Camp No. 29,
Whitestone, N. Y.

Our recommendation is that we give leave to withdraw the resolution. It is indefinite in form, and the law is clear on the subject. It is the duty of any Comrade if upon seeing the law violated, to call the attention of the proper authorities to the violation.

The Committee recommends such action.

BY COMRADE ROSENBERG:

I move that the resolution of the Resolutions Committee be concurred in.

Motion seconded, carried and so ordered.

BY SECRETARY OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE, Comrade Amey:
Brooklyn, N. Y., July 1, 1921.

At a regular meeting of the 14th Regiment Camp, United Spanish War Veterans, held on the above date, the following resolution was adopted, and forwarded to this encampment for action:

Resolved, That this organization do everything within its power to eliminate the hyphen in organizations composed of residents or citizens of the United States.

Resolved, That this organization endeavor to bring about the speaking of the language of our country at all times and in all places within the boundaries of the United States.

Resolved, That this organization emphatically favor the publication of the Newspapers in our country in the LANGUAGE OF OUR COUNTRY, and positively discourage the publication of our newspapers in the language of any other country or Race.

Resolved, That we use our utmost efforts through legislation and other means to insist that the alien population of this country, prepare to become citizens or prepare to leave the country until they change their minds, and furthermore that all aliens who have for cause been refused citizenship be AT ONCE DEPORTED.

Resolved, That the above declared principles be spread broadcast by THE UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES in the carrying out of its principles of Americanization.

ARTHUR EARL,
Adjutant,
JAMES ALCORN,
Commander.

Introduced by Comrade Edwin Brosnan, 14th Regiment Camp, No. 14, United Spanish War Veterans.

The Committee finds that the United Spanish War Veterans as an organization is already committed to these principles, and the Committee recommend that it be turned over to the incoming Patriotic Instructor as a part of the program for the ensuing year.

BY DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

Is there any objection to this course being following?

There being none, it is so ordered.

Motion made and seconded that the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee be concurred in.

Motion carried.

BY SECRETARY AMEY:

BROOKLYN, N. Y., *July 1, 1921.*

At a regular meeting held on the above date, the 14th Regiment Camp No. 14, adopted the following resolution, to be forwarded to this encampment:

Resolved, That this encampment, U. S. W. V. is in favor of THE ADJUSTED COMPENSATION BILL (H. R. I.) designed to equalize financial losses of those who served in the world's war, by giving them the choice of one of the following plans of compensation: (1) Adjusted Service Pay. Payment of \$1 for each day of home service and \$1.25 for each day overseas, maximum payments for home service only, \$5, for overseas service, \$625. Payments in ten quarterly installments. (2) Adjusted service certificates, payment in interest bearing certificates, payable after twenty years, equal to adjusted service pay increased by 40 per cent. Privilege of obtaining loans on percentage of value of the certificates. (3) Land settlements — Establishment of land settlement projects in which veterans could obtain farms and town sites on initial payments equal to their adjusted service pay, remainder of payments to be made within forty years. (4) Vocational training aid — The Federal Board for Vocational Training and Education to pay the veteran \$1.75 for each day spent in approved course of training, total payments limited to 140 per cent of adjusted service pay. (5) Farm or Home aid — To pay to the veteran an amount equal to 140 per cent of adjusted pay service for the purchase or improvement of home or farm.

Introduced by Comrade Edwin Brosnan, 14th Regt. Camp. 14, U. S. W. V.

JAMES ALCORN,
Commander.

ARTHUR EARLS,
Adjutant.

The Resolutions Committee recommend in view of pending legislation now before Congress, that this resolution be referred to the National Legislative Committee.

By COMRADE TYRELL:

I move as an amendment to the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee that this encampment approve of the plan and that it be sent to our Legislative Committee.

The motion was seconded.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

The motion has been seconded that the resolution be approved of by this Convention. Are you ready for the question?

By COMRADE CUNNINGHAM:

I move that the report of the Resolutions Committee be concurred in.

By COMRADE CARROLL:

I rise to a point of order. I made a motion, which has been seconded to amend the report of the Resolutions Committee.

By COMRADE HERRICK — Chairman of the Resolutions Committee:

The committee had in mind that they did not desire to impair the movements or the ideas or the conduct of business by the National Legislative Committee, on the theory that charity begins at home. We are heartily in sympathy with any movement put forth by the Legion for their benefit, but I think comrades, that if this proposed amendment goes through, and we put the stamp of approval on it, that you are doing something whereby they would be hindered in their work.

By COMRADE CARROLL:

I don't know whether I am in order or not, but I ask unanimous consent to say something at this time.

There being no objections unanimous consent was given.

By COMRADE CARROLL:

My understanding is, that is merely for the purpose of indicating to the Great American public that the United Spanish War Veterans have taken a stand upon this subject of compensation. I don't think it would commit the National Legislative Committee to the point whereby they must go into this matter. I don't think that will be the result at all. The National Legislative Committee will be influenced by what the National Encampment directs them to do. Now I can't see any objection to that. What is the use of trying to dodge it, let us come out fairly and say whether we are for it or against it.

By COMRADE HERRICK:

In order to remove a possible misapprehension on the part of Carroll, I desire on behalf of the Resolutions Committee to withdraw what might have seemed to the body to be an objection on our part. This organization is already on record in favor of the bonus, there was no intention on the part of the Resolutions Committee to seem to oppose it.



ARTHUR J. CONNOLLY
Assistant Department Adjutant
In Charge of New York Office, 1920-1921

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

You are to vote on the question to the amendment to the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee.

By SECRETARY AMEY:

I just wish to say a word or two on that subject to bring out a thought which I hope Comrade Carroll will thoroughly understand, that while the committee fully realizes and hopes for this compensation to those who are entitled to it, we believe that one encampment going on record will not show where the United Spanish War Veterans stand nearly as much as if the National Encampment gets back of it, and say that the entire body of the United Spanish War Veterans of the United States are in favor of this, because if we, as a Department, are in favor of it, and the National Encampment are against it, it would do no good, so therefore recommend that it be given over to the National Encampment, and I am sure it will go through.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

All in favor of the amendment to the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee, signify by the usual voting sign of the order. Noes, opposed.

Amendment carried and it is so ordered.

By SECRETARY AMEY:

BROOKLYN, N. Y., June 3, 1921.

At a regular meeting of the camp held on the above date, it was the sense of the meeting, that the following resolution be adopted, and forwarded to Department Headquarters, for action:

Be it Resolved, That this encampment favors and will have the necessary legislation introduced in the next Legislature.

Whereas, All State, city and county and municipality civil service employees, who served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps during the Spanish-American War, Philippine and China Insurrection, or the World War, and were honorably discharged and are entitled to a pension, be retired at the expiration of twenty (20) years' service, upon his application in writing, provided there is no charges pending, and placed on the pension roll, receiving compensation of ($\frac{1}{2}$) one-half of present salary or compensation, to be paid from pension fund of department employing him.

Introduced by Edwin Brosnan, 14th regiment, Camp No. 14.

Fraternally,

WILLIAM J. ALCORN.

The Resolution Committee recommends that this be referred to the Legislative Committee of the incoming department.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

If there is no objection, it is so ordered.

Motion made and seconded that the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee be concurred in.

Motion carried.

BY SECRETARY AMEY:

THE DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

Section 22 of the Civil Service provides a preference in retention of service to veterans of the Civil and Spanish Wars, and also provides that where a position is abolished in the interests of economy or otherwise, the said veteran shall not be dismissed from the public service but shall be transferred to some other branch of said service, in such position as he may be fitted to fill, and it is hereby made the duty of all persons clothed with the power of appointment to make such transfer effective, etc.

The Conservation Law provides that a game protector rated on the first or second grade shall be removed from their position only after a hearing on charges.

A member of the Colonel William W. Gilbert Camp No. 108, Department of N. Y., U. S. W. V., who was appointed a game protector September 1, 1917, and who continuously made the first grade was removed from the service on July 1, 1921 under the provisions of the so-called Fearon Bill, reducing the number of protectors from 131 to 90, in compliance with the Governor's economy program. Upon the receipt of notice from the Conservation Commissioner notifying the said veteran of his dismissal from service said veteran at once notified the Commissioner that he was a veteran and entitled to the provisions of Section 22 of the Civil Service Law, and in reply thereto, the Commissioner states as follows:

"I am informed by the Attorney-General that the order in which suspensions should be effected is regulated by Section 22-A of the Civil Service Law, Chapter 836, Laws of 1920, and suspensions must be made in the inverse order of original appointment, etc.

And in a later letter, as follows:

I am advised by the Attorney-General as follows, "When it becomes necessary to abolish positions in good faith, and in the interest of economy, veterans have no preference in the matter of retention, except that a veteran of the Civil War should be the last to be dropped."

And, "In regard to transfer to any branch of said service, in such position as he may be fitted to fill." I beg to advise you that it is also my advice from the Attorney-General that while such right is afforded under the law to veterans, it is not the requirement that any department shall create a position for such transfer, and that such right of transfer is available only where vacancies exist."

Referred to the "Committee on Enactments and Resolutions" for their consideration by the delegates of Col. Wm. W. Gilbert

Camp No. 108, Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans.

Henry E. Norton, Commander.

Joseph L. Leidecker, Jr., Vice Commander.

Louis L. Robish, Delegate.

Henry J. Ryan, Past Commander.

The Resolutions Committee recommends the passage of this resolution and suggests that the incoming administration take whatever steps are required to safeguard the rights of the comrades and secure like benefits in similar cases.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN :

If there is no objection, it is ordered.

Motion made and seconded that the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee be concurred in.

Motion carried.

By SECRETARY AMEY :

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY COMMANDER JOHN THURMAN OATES, JOSEPH S. DECKER CAMP NO. 20, DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, U. S. W. V.

Whereas, Complaint has been made on the part of several employees attached to the Department of Plant and Structure, New York City, that despite Chapter 335 of the Laws of 1910, which make it mandatory on the part of the Commissioner to grant leave of absence to all Spanish War Veterans in the employ of the said Department for twenty-four hours, with pay, each Decoration Day, and

Whereas, The comrades of Joseph S. Decker Camp No. 20, Department of New York, in the employ of the said Department, made proper application for the required leave which was denied them for Decoration Day, 1920, the application being marked "Approved for another day" and compelling these veterans to work on their tour Decoration Day, May 30, 1921, and

Whereas, The Commissioner has taken it upon himself to place his own interpretation upon this law, and has, by his action, refused to obey the law literally, therefore

Be it resolved, That the action of the Commissioner of Plant and Structure of the City of New York, be made a matter for discussion in this State Encampment, to the end, that Spanish War Veterans in this and other Departments of the city government, have their rights protected. That a leave of absence be granted them on each succeeding Decoration Day to parade with their camps, and to enjoy the day the State law intended in their case, as a reward to them for services rendered as veterans of the Spanish War coming from the State of New York.

JOHN FALLS,

Commander.

The Resolutions Committee recommend the passage of this resolution and suggest that the incoming administration take whatever steps are required to safeguard the rights of the comrades and secure like benefits in similar cases.

Motion made and seconded that the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee be concurred in.

Motion carried.

By SECRETARY AMEY:

UTICA, N. Y., *July 19, 1920.*

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

GENTLEMEN.—I wish to put before your committee a resolution protesting to the State Civil Service Commission and Gov. Miller the unjust removal by the Mayor and Board of Public Works of the city of Elmira, N. Y., without any charges being preferred by removal from the position of street foreman in the city of Elmira, N. Y. The State Civil Service Law says a Spanish War Veteran should have the preference in retention in his position and I have been discharged and a non-veteran held in the position.

Fraternally yours, in F. P. & H.,

MICHAEL H. DALY, Hoffman Camp, No. 40, Elmira, N. Y.

The Resolutions Committee recommends the passage of this resolution and suggests that the incoming administration take whatever steps are required to safeguard the rights of the comrade and secure like benefits in similar cases. Motion made and seconded that the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee be concurred in.

Motion carried.

By SECRETARY AMEY:

Resolved, That the "United Spanish War Veterans" Department of New York in annual convention assembled in the city of Utica on this 18th day of July 1921, records itself as favoring an amendment to the Federal Civil Service Retirement Law, permitting upon application for same, the retirement of civil service employees, who have served as soldiers, sailors, or marines of the United States for a period of ninety days or more in time of war and who have reached the age of fifty years, at the expiration of twenty years employment in the civil service of the United States with the maximum annuity as provided in said retirement law. And be it further,

Resolved, That the delegates at large from the Department of New York be instructed to present this resolution to the National Encampment and urge its adoption and that a copy be spread upon the minutes of these proceedings.

Respectfully submitted by

Col. John Jacob Astor, Camp No. 98, Department of New York,

(SEAL)

JOHN H. DESMOND, *Commander.*

P. A. GARRAHY,
Adjutant.

The Resolutions Committee recommend the passage of this resolution.

Motion made and seconded that the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee be concurred in.

Motion carried.

By SECRETARY AMEY:

RESOLUTION OF JAMES V. DEMAREST, SENIOR VICE
COMMANDER, WALLACE F. RANDOLPH CAMP NO. 27
U. S. W. V.

Be it known, That as in 1923 it will be twenty-five (25) years or a quarter century since the victorious close of the Spanish American War, therefore,

Be it resolved, That *we* the United Spanish War Veterans of the State of New York, hold a grand reunion of all the United Spanish War Veterans in the State of New York, the time and place to be discussed and voted on at our next annual convention.

The Resolutions Committee recommend favorable action by our next convention.

Motion made and seconded that the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee be concurred in.

Motion carried.

By SECRETARY AMEY:

BROOKLYN, N. Y., July 15, 1921.

The Department Encampment U. S. W. V., in session at Utica, N. Y.:

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND COMRADES.—The shipmates of Admiral Sampson Camp No. 48, Department of New York, U. S. W. V., present the following resolution and respectfully request its adoption by the encampment and recommendation to the favorable consideration of the National Encampment at Minneapolis.

Whereas, For seven hundred years Ireland has suffered persecution at the hands of England, and its people have been held in subjection by force of arms, and

Whereas, The principle cause of the participation of the United States in the World War was to secure for all nations both great and small the right to determine for themselves the form of government best suited to their needs and the establishment of that government at the earliest possible moment, and

Whereas, The people of Ireland, by an overwhelming majority have decided in favor of an independent republic, and have established the same, now therefore be it

Resolved, That the United Spanish War Veterans in convention assembled do hereby endorse the principle of an Irish Republic and urge our government to take the necessary steps toward official recognition of this newly formed member of the family of nations, and be it further

Resolved, That the National Encampment is hereby requested to

use every possible means to bring pressure on our own government to bring about the desired end.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. LARKIN,
Commander.

(SEAL)

OFFICIAL THOMAS REILLY,
Adjutant.

The Resolutions Committee in view of pending conferences between parties interested deem it to the best interests to the resolution to recommend its withdrawal.

I would like to state that the Committee on Resolutions refuses to deal with any resolution which does not have something to do with the organization of United Spanish War Veterans.

By PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER GANNON:

Comrades, I fail to see the necessity of this resolution, at the present time because this organization has gone on record twice in favor of the same resolution and I think whoever introduced the resolution didn't do it advisedly.

We have already gone on record and the minutes of our proceedings so state, so that I think whoever offered that resolution in justice to the resolution itself, ought to withdraw it.

By SECRETARY AMEY:

The recommendation of the committee in view of the pending conferences between the parties interested is that it is to the best interests of the resolution that it be withdrawn.

By PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER GANNON:

I move the adoption of the recommendation of the committee.

Motion seconded, carried and so ordered.

By THE CHAIRMAN OF THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE:

With reference to these resolutions, which have been referred to the incoming administration for their action, the committee at the time did not know that there was no law on the statute books, which protected a man by giving a right to appeal when discharged.

Now whether the action of the Legislative Committee, or any action that they might put in effect or whether it would have any possible chance of succeeding and having these men reinstated when there is no law on the statute books, I don't know.

What are you going to do about it?

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

I think you will find that there is such a law.

By PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER GANNON:

Comrades, a great many of the comrades in our organization work in the city, State and National government service and any

of you who are so employed have had and know what the experience is working in a Department under superiors who seem to take a special delight in punishing a man because he is a veteran. A man, because of his veteranship, has but very little call upon the patriotism of the superiors. The moment he gets into his office his associates become jealous of him, so that when a superior is making a report he recommends usually a veteran as being incompetent.

Last year in the judicial committee, a representative of one of the select clubs of New York city, figured that from information he had received from high officials that the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic were the inferior men in the employment of the State, city or National Government service.

Now that is what they want people to believe, and in my judgment there is not much protection offered by the passing of laws, because the laws can be changed and amended.

Now, comrades, we are behind this constitutional amendment, but what you want to do is not to write letters, but to get on the job and work and work and spread the gospel of this amendment to every corner of the State.

By COMRADE RESTLE (No. 43):

In regard to any laws that affect the government employees, you need not apply to anybody but your congressman.

By PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER GANNON:

I rise to a point of order.

By SECRETARY AMEY:

Comrades, we were receiving the report of the Resolutions Committee, and the Chairman asked a question and we were receiving a reply from the Chairman and Past Department Commander Gannon went a little further and stated what we could do in regard to making it emphatic. We are all out of order and in order to get our work over I believe we should proceed.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

The point is well taken.

I believe the Legislative Committee is right in referring this to the incoming administration.

By SECRETARY AMEY:

July 18, 1921.

To the Delegates Assembled at the 18th Department Convention of United Spanish War Veterans, at Utica, N. Y.:

Whereas, Wearing of so many different colored hat bands has a tendency to cause feeling, among those comrades who have not obtained rank as officers, and

Whereas, The war being over and we all being of equal rank as comrades,

Be it resolved, That the regulation hat band (preferably black

and gold), be adopted and worn by all comrades except National and Department officers while such officers are holding office.

Respectfully submitted for your consideration,

ANTHONY ROEDER,
EDWARD BRENNER,
LOUIS D. WILL.

Delegates from General R. P. Hughes Camp No. 17, Buffalo, N. Y.:

The Resolutions Committee recommend that this resolution be introduced to the National Encampment in order to amend the rules and regulations.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

If there is no objection it is so ordered.

Motion made and seconded that the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee be concurred in.

Motion carried.

By SECRETARY AMEY:

UTICA, N. Y., *July 19, 1921.*

Resolved, That the committee on legislation of the U. S. W. V. Dept. of N. Y. prepare and have introduced an amendment to chapter 82, Laws of 1921, to allow veteran organizations to use armories of the State without charge for entertainments to which a fee may be charged.

BERNARD J. FAGAN,
Manhattan Camp No. 1.

The Legislative Committee moves that this resolution be referred to the Legislative Committee.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

If there is no objection, it is so ordered.

Motion made and seconded that the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee be concurred in.

Motion carried.

By SECRETARY AMEY:

Whereas, "The Spirit of 98" has served the best interests of the various camps during the past year, at a loss to its publisher, Past Commander Harry G. Cook, and

Whereas, The said paper is worthy of the loyal support of every camp in the Department of New York, and

Whereas, The Department of New York and also the individual camps therein could be materially benefited by using the columns of the said paper for disseminating news of the activities and progressive plans of the various camps and

Whereas, Such news would be conducive to general improvement of all camps by the various suggestions it might offer, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the eighteenth annual encampment of the Department of New York does endorse the said paper, and be it further

Resolved, That we recommend that every camp in this Department be urged to subscribe for as many copies per month of the "Spirit of '98" as they deem advisable.

Respectfully submitted,

BEN ROSENBERG,

Past Commander, Camp 59.

The Legislative Committee recommend the endorsements.

By PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER GANNON:

The proposition was suggested to me this morning that a great many of the comrades have subscribed for the paper and know what its value is. The proposition that I am going to make was, that wouldn't it be a good proposition for each Department to donate a certain sum of money to "The Spirit of '98."

By SECRETARY AMEY:

The proposition was put up as to which would be the best proposition for them, and we considered that it would be more beneficial for them to have the "Spirit of '98" considered as the official organ of the organization.

By PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER GANNON:

All right, I retract what I said. I withdraw the resolution.

By SECRETARY AMEY:

Those are all the resolutions submitted to the Resolutions Committee, so far, the balance of the resolutions will be reported on at the first session tomorrow morning.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

Remember, comrades, there is a banquet tonight at the Hotel Martin at 7 o'clock.

By COMRADE BOHLIG (No. 53):

I move that tomorrow morning, that the session begin promptly at nine o'clock.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

I am perfectly willing, I have been here every morning at nine o'clock and ready to proceed.

Motion seconded and so ordered.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

FOURTH DAY, MORNING SESSION, JULY 20, 1921.

The Encampment was called to order by the Department Commander at nine o'clock A. M.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The Marshal will advance the colors.

The regular session will now open, and we will begin with a prayer by Rev. Charles M. Dodge, pastor of the Bethany Presbyterian Church of Utica.

"Almighty God, Eternal Father, we humbly bow before Thee and acknowledge our entire dependence upon Thee, and Thy supreme dominion over us. We pray Thee to bless our Country, give guidance to our President with a clear mind and a strong heart, may he, by Thy grace, be enabled to do his duty. Give to Thy people a patience and a proper obedience to their great executive and grant us a united, devoted and a loving country, loving our country first and above all nations, and may we act towards all men as an angel from the throne of God whom we are bound to obey and by whom we are blessed, and grant that we may be able to persuade them who come to these doors that Thou hast marked out this Nation for exaltation and advancement and happiness of humanity. God bless this convention and comrades here assembled. Grant our Heavenly Father that their deliberations may be guided by Thy Divine Wisdom, and that all that it may resolve upon shall be always towards the strengthening of our Comradeship, the increase of our devotion to one another and to our country. Grant that the waves of Patriotism may go out from this convention to touch the hearts of all the comrades, who served with us during the war, to draw us all into one great fraternity, so that we may continue to be a powerful army for the defense and glory of our country, all of which we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen."

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

The Reverend Gentleman, says he had a son over in France and he felt it his duty to be on time. It was the only son he had.

The first order of business is that of unfinished business.

I would like to hear from the Resolutions Committee, if there are any of them here.

By READING CLERK COON:

Under the head of communications I have a communication here from Newburgh, N. Y.

NEWBURGH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

NEWBURGH, N. Y., July 14, 1921.

Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, Utica, N. Y.:

The Board of Directors of the Newburgh Chamber of Commerce

extends greetings to the loyal Spanish War Veterans in convention assembled.

The Board of Directors of the Newburgh Chamber of Commerce, by unanimous action, most cordially and earnestly invites your organization to hold the Annual State Encampment of the Spanish War Veterans in Newburgh in 1922.

In extending this invitation we are supporting the invitation which will be extended to you through Hudson B. Moore Camp No. 78, Spanish War Veterans of Newburgh. On behalf of the officers of the Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors, and 650 members of the Chamber of Commerce, we specially desire that this invitation be accepted. The Chamber of Commerce will support the local organization in its plans to make your visit to Newburgh a memorable one.

The Board of Directors further desires to extend to the local officers and to the State officers office space and the equipment in its building for the preliminary work as well as the work necessary during the meeting of your encampment.

Newburgh is one of the beauty spots on the Hudson, ideally located for conventions. With its extensive Hudson river boat service and railroad accessibility, its trolley and bus lines, fine automobile roads connecting in all directions, beautiful parks, historical places and memories which date from the very beginning of the Republic, together with the cordiality of its citizens, make Newburgh an ideal place for the convention of your organization.

The historical headquarters of General Washington in Newburgh is the place where General Washington refused the crown which was offered him, thus changing the destinies of the Republic. You as veterans perpetuating the institutions which came into existence as a result of General Washington's action at that time, should honor the city with your presence, this adding another link to the chain of memorable events, of which Newburgh has been the scene and has taken a prominent part as the years have passed.

We feel sure that with the advantages which surround this city and the effort that will be made to make you comfortable and at home, at the close of the convention your delegates will say that your encampment in Newburgh has not been excelled in any way by any city.

The Chamber of Commerce sincerely trusts that this invitation will receive favorable action by the delegates now assembled in your 1921 convention.

Very sincerely,

NEWBURGH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

GEO. S. WELLER,

President.

ORIN S. BAKER,

Secretary.

NEWBURGH, N. Y., *July 16, 1921.*

Department Commander, Spanish War Veterans:

DEAR SIR.—Pursuant to a resolution of the council of the city of Newburgh adopted at a public meeting thereof held July 11, 1921, I have the honor of extending a cordial invitation to the Spanish War Veterans Association of the State of New York, to hold its next annual convention for 1922 in this city.

It affords me much pleasure on behalf of the council as representatives of the citizens of Newburgh to extend this invitation.

Sincerely hoping that this city may be selected for your next convention. I am

Very truly yours,

HENRY M. LEONARD,

Mayor.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM.

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FY NEW YORK, N. Y., *July 19, 1921.*

COMMANDER WM. LANIGAN, *United Spanish War Veterans Headquarters, Utica, N. Y.:*

Exceedingly regret I cannot be present at this convention, impossible to get away. My best regards to all my comrades. With best wishes to you and the incoming administration.

Yours in F., P. and H.,

WM. A. GARDNER,

Camp 87.

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By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

Are there any other committees who have not reported?

By COMMANDER CUNNINGHAM:

As chairman of the audit committee, I desire to report that Past Commander McFarland, Ross and myself during the months of October, January, April and on the 14th of July, four times during the year, have met and audited and examined the Department's accounts, and we find that the accounts were well kept and they balanced perfectly with the exception of a difference of thirty-four cents, which seems to have been carried over in some way or turned in without an entry ever being made, and that thirty-four cents is still an overbalance of the account, as shown by the Department Quartermaster's and Adjutant's books.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

What is your pleasure with the report?

By PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER GANNON:

Comrades, Commander, one of the questions I would like to ask as far as auditors are concerned, do I understand the rules and regulations of this organization that any salaries must have the

approval of the council administration. Was that matter taken into consideration, when the auditors audited the books. Another proposition as I recall it distinctly was that two years ago one of the recommendations given at that time and I thought was for the best interests of the organization that it would simplify matters to have one officer who would receive the salary and that officer made as permanently as possible. The changing of administration from year to year oftentimes had prevented us from having a complete chain of records as all the data that one administration might have becomes scattered and the succeeding officers know nothing about it, so that for that purpose I suggested that a permanent officer be created to be known as Assistant Department Adjutant that all records, all the supplies and all the data would be held in that office permanently so that irrespective of what man was elected or where the Department Commander went to there would be a place where there would be complete records, and we know that men are appointed Department Commanders that come in with very little knowledge of the position so it has been one continuous jumble of records. I would like to ask if that was disregarded and was not taken into consideration by the auditing committee.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

I wish to state for the benefit of those men who might think something irregular that the Assistant Department Adjutant wrote me he was in dire need for money for his rent. He was working on a commission which had not been paid him for several months and the landlord was after him for his rent. I paid him fifty dollars at that time. Within the last six or eight weeks, he again wrote me that he had no money and that he was in need of money and asked me to send him fifty dollars again, and I did, believing there wasn't any harm in paying money to a man when he had it coming to him anyway. If that is a crime, then I am guilty of a crime.

By PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER GANNON:

No, I haven't any objections to paying anything when a man is in need, no one is questioning that. I am questioning the spirit that induced it. If you have any prescribed rules which say you must have the approval of the council administration, why then that should be secured.

By COMRADE CUNNINGHAM:

You know and I know, so does every comrade here know, that for two years we haven't had until recently the proceedings of the previous meetings. It is impossible for a man to come here and keep in mind all the resolutions that are passed.

By PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER GANNON:

You can't plead that as ignorance, because we had a conversation about that.

By COMRADE CUNNINGHAM:

Yes, we talked it over.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

It is in the account and it was published in the monthly statement. What is your pleasure with this report, comrades?

By READING CLERK COON:

I guess there is only one solution to the entire situation, and that is to accept the report of the committee under the conditions. I don't see any other way out of it, and I so move you.

Motion seconded that the report of the auditing committee be approved by the encampment.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER GANNON:

That only means the correctness of the statement as to facts and figures.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

Yes. Are you ready for the question.

Motion carried.

So ordered.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

I will appoint Past Department Commanders Jones and Cunningham to escort the ladies to the rostrum.

Comrade, Past Department Commander, Gannon will you act on this committee to greet these ladies?

DEPARTMENT MARSHAL.—Department Commander and Comrades, the committee is in waiting.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Admit them.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JONES:

I have the extreme honor and pleasure to present the greeting committee from the Auxiliary of the United Spanish War Veterans, Department of New York.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Sisters, it gives me great pleasure on behalf of the Department of New York to ask you to our Convention, and we trust your visit here will be of much benefit and much pleasure to the comrades of our assembly. I also hope that the assemblage that you are now conducting will be productive of great good to your organization and that it will continue to remain the instrument of great good to this association. We have with us, comrades, the National President of the Ladies Auxiliary, Mrs. Louise Williams. The sister suggested that the Department sisters, the chairman of that committee extend greetings. It is all new to me.

By MARGARET PILLEY:

Department Commander and Delegates: It is indeed with great pleasure I represent the Department of New York, ladies assembled in convention, and extend to you their greetings and wish you a very happy convention.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I trust my term has been of benefit to you and as favorable in performance of any little favors I could, but as I know the many big favors you have extended to me. I thank you.

We will now have a few remarks from the President General of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Mrs. Louise Williams, whom I can tell you is an active and energetic worker and I could tell you if I had time a funny story here of where I first met her. (Applause.)

By MRS. LOUISE WILLIAMS:

Comrade Commander, and Sister officers and Comrades of the Department of New York: I am very glad that the comrade didn't tell that funny story.

I want to express to you comrades my appreciation of the courtesies that has been given to me. I do not feel that I could leave this convention city without coming here to say a word to you. If I hadn't addressed you I would feel that my term of office was not complete.

I want at this time to extend to you my personal greetings and that of the National Auxiliary.

I could not tell you how very proud indeed I am to come here as the President General of the National Auxiliary. I wish for you comrades a very interesting convention and a very successful one, I also want to congratulate the Department Commander upon his successful administration. We have watched each other with great interest and I know that the Department of New York has greatly benefited by the work accomplished by the Department Commander. I thank you. (Applause.)

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Sister Strang of the Auxiliary from Schneectady, said she didn't have anything to say, but I know her so well, I know she has something to say because I never saw her when she didn't. (Applause.)

SISTER STRANG:

Comrades assembled, if I said what was in my mind you wouldn't want me to stay long. It is a pleasure for me to be at this meeting, and I want to thank you for the opportunity.

By SISTER BREWSTER:

I am glad to see so many from western New York today. That is enough said. (Applause.)

By SISTER PARINCHEF:

Delegates, it is a wonder he didn't call me a little chief, I am

going to say a few words. We came yesterday with our greetings and had a regular wake. We came around this morning and we were allowed admission for which we are thankful. It is a real pleasure to be here and I deem it a great honor to have been called upon. Thank you.

By SISTER GILFOYLE:

Comrades assembled, I think the other ladies have expressed my opinion. I think they have said all that I would like to say. I want to say I wish you much success. I thank you.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I think Sister Strobe has something to say.

SISTER STROBE:

Sisters, delegates, there isn't anything left for me to say, the other sisters have all expressed my sentiments. I am sure if I had any more I wouldn't know how to express them before such an assemblage. I wish you a happy convention and trust your stay has been a pleasant one and that we will all meet another year.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I am sure that your visit will keep us harmonized the rest of the day. It has been a real pleasure to have you with us. We have other business now to transact and we will thank you and excuse you.

By THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Comrades, we have with us here a past Commander in Chief, Hamilton Ward of Buffalo. I will ask comrade Herriek and comrade Rigney to escort him to the platform. (Hamilton Ward escorted to the platform).

I take great pleasure in introducing Past Commander in Chief, Hamilton Ward of Buffalo. (Applause).

The Chief will have something to say to you in a few minutes.

We have with us another distinguished guest, Mr. Maddox, editor of the National Tribune. (Mr. Maddox, escorted to the rostrum).

We will hear a report from the Resolutions Committee and after that, we will hear something that will be of interest to you by the two distinguished guests.

By SECRETARY AMEY OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

Whereas, At a regular meeting of the Capitol District Council United Spanish War Veterans held at Utica, N. Y. during the encampment held at Utica, N. Y. July 17, 18, 19 and 20, 1921, it was brought to the attention of the comrades that on June 25, 1921 that the President of the United States had seen fit to honor Charles E. Walsh a comrade in our department by tendering him the appointment of Director of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance for the State of New York.

Now, therefore, Be it resolved that it is the unanimous opinion of the comrades of the Capitol District Council in meeting

assembled that the President of the United States is to be commended for his selection of comrade Charles E. Walsh a member of Captain Frank R. Palmer Camp, No. 28, U. S. W. V., Albany, N. Y., for this important position.

And be it further resolved, That we consider comrade Walsh eminently qualified in every way to fill this position by reason of his business ability and experience and his sense of justice and fairness to service men, because of his long, honest and faithful service in the municipal offices and in the National Guard of over twenty-five years and at present in command as a ranking Colonel of the 53rd Infantry Brigade, N. Y., and also having served as a volunteer in the Spanish American War.

And be it further resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent for consideration to the Annual Encampment now in session for adoption; to the President of the United States; to the United States Senators of the State of New York; to comrade Charles E. Walsh of Albany, N. Y.

The Legislative Committee recommend the adoption of this resolution, and that the incoming Department Commander be directed to carry out the wishes of the organization.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The procedure yesterday was that if there was no objection by any of the comrades, recommendation of the Legislative Committee would be concurred in. We will take the same course, today, is there any objection to the recommendation as made.

There being none, it is so ordered.

By SECRETARY AMEY:

Resolution introduced by delegates from Joseph S. Decker Camp No. 20, Department of New York, U. S. W. V.

Wheseas, It is hereby recommended that at the future encampments of this department, wherein, the choice of officers are concerned and in order that we may receive the added advantage of those who possess the qualifications of real executive ability, and leadership, considered by all intelligent men as the necessary requisites, and true essentials that should govern our bodies in the selection of department officers, and

Whereas, Arrangements shall be made at all future encampments of this department, on the official program for the substitution of a "General conference" consisting of all comrades entitled to participate in each succeeding encampments to take the place of the past and present method of ascertaining a candidate's capabilities, that by and through such initiative the intelligent membership in this department, shall have leaders worthy of them, and who they can look up to with love and respect. That while old ideas may have fitted into the past, they are now time worn, obsolete and out of touch with present up to the moment conditions. And that such a policy ill befits a soldier, marine and

sailors veteran body which to continue would be an acknowledgment on our part that we advocate that which is un-American in practice, un-democratic as to an ideal, and is uncomradely in principle, for it fails of its purpose to give the most humble, modest and sincere comrade, the opportunity he seeks, to wit: the laudable ambition, to one day head the great Department of New York, or be one of its subordinate officers, therefore

Be it resolved, We propose as a wise substitution, the adoption in this encampment of the "General Conference" idea, which in no sense will work injury to any comrade possessing ability. It will, on the contrary, be open and above board in every particular where each candidate will appear through invitation coming from the delegates and be asked to submit his plans, purposes and general policy in the event, of his election.

Here the personality, bearing, ability and other commendable attainments will receive the just scrutiny of a "close-up view" leaving the results of the "General Conference" to the conscience and final judgment of the delegates who will sit in the capacity of judge and jury and through this idea take a step forward in advance of other departments, as the one prolific in vision and that is not afraid to adopt the policy of a republican, democratic form of government in the choice of its department officials.

Therefore, With the "General Conference," idea adopted there will follow the dawn of a new day in our beloved society. Candidates of standing and ability will enter the lists, thoughts of a practiced injustice will fade away like the mists before the days of the morning sun, and that which this resolution seeks to attain, good will, and real comradeship among us all will result, and finally redown to the credit, honor and glory of the great Department of New York.

Be it further resolved, That the committee of three be appointed by the incoming Department Commander to arrange a set of rules governing the carrying out and the conduct of the "General Conference" idea for future department encampments.

JOHN T. OATES,

Commander,

Joseph S. Decker, Camp No. 20.

We respectfully request the adoption of the foregoing resolution.
By SECRETARY AMEY:

The Resolutions Committee recommends its adoption in that it encumbers the department only to the appointment of a committee, whose report will be before the next encampment for action.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

What is your pleasure with the resolution, comrades

By PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER GANNON:

I don't know who was responsible for this resolution, but there

is a certain principle in it that I was speaking to some of the comrades about the other night. I don't quite get the gist of the conference. I might be in error in assuming that the conference might be nothing more or less than a nominating committee. What I would like to see is that any candidate or any department officer would have to file their application and their qualifications with the department, and the department would submit the list of names of all the candidates in one of their orders to every camp and it would be up to every candidates to see that the delegates were informed as to the work he had performed which would qualify him for the office, and in addition to that it would help to get the best candidates, and you would know in plenty of time who your candidate was going to be, and the delegates would be in closer touch with the affairs of the department.

By CHAIRMAN HERRICK OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:

What the resolution committee had in mind was to avoid if possible taking a large amount of time to discuss this matter. I think any plan of that sort should have the support of every veteran. This resolution permits us to appoint a committee which will work out a plan which will be submitted to the encampment next year. It seems to me as long as we are heartily in favor of it, the best way would be to appoint this committee to work this matter out.

By PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER GANNON:

I would offer as an amendment to that resolution to facilitate matters that the committee be appointed with power to enlarge themselves, and that the Department Commander have full power to put into effect the ideas embodied in this resolution.

By COMRADE OATES:

I rise as the one who offered that resolution this morning, and I want to compliment Past Commander Gannon on his fairness in this matter, and I second the suggestion he has offered.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Comrades, you have heard the amendment, it has been seconded, and the amendment is that the incoming Department Commander has full power to put into effect the ideas embodied in this resolution.

Motion carried.

By COMRADE STOBBE:

Comrade Commander, and comrades, this is the first time the military of the serpent has come before this association.

We have a membership in the military order of the serpent of thirteen hundred and twenty-four. You know and we know that the Snaix as we are called put on the entertainment of the encampment city for the benefit of the encampment city.

We have not had the recognition which we deserve. We feel that

we are a part of the United Spanish War Veterans organization. If you have a live Snaix you have a live veteran and the two organizations should work hand in hand. I have no fault to find with the arrangement committee, but the facts are these.

Monday night you had a ball. The Snaix had a conversation as to that. We understood the bean feed had been so arranged that we could attend, but it so worked out that we were unable to participate in that. Again yesterday you had a dinner tendered to Assemblyman Martin. I have no fault to find with such a dinner, but at two o'clock yesterday afternoon this organization adjourned its meeting to accommodate those members who wanted to attend the dinner, with a result that after the dinner, when we got through, why it was three o'clock in the morning. If the United Spanish War Veterans will do as they do with the Ladies' Auxiliary, and have the committee take up the matter of arrangement for the encampment with the officers of the Snaix we will all work harmony and everybody will be satisfied. I am not finding fault with the entertainment that has been provided but I do find a little fault with the way that the arrangements were made. You can hardly realize the hardship it was to put on two degrees on one night and at the same time expect to have a bean feed and a dinner. It was practically impossible to do justice to the degrees because of our inability to get the number out or to do the best work, and I therefore offer the following resolution.

By SECRETARY AMEY:

Be it resolved, That at future encampments of the U. S. W. V., Department of New York, that the military order of the serpent be recognized in the same manner as the auxilliary of the U. S. W. V. as accommodations and arrangements for parade and meetings.

PAUL STOBBE,

Past Commander Man No. 1.

The Resolutions Committee recommend that this resolution be referred to the incoming administration for proper action.

By COMRADE CURRY, CAMP No. 33:

I take exception to the comrade's remarks about the arrangements.

It seems to me that if the Snaix were to get in touch with the committee that were running the convention attention would be given, and arrangements made so that the Military Order of the Serpent would have plenty of time to put on their affairs first. It is no fault of the convention committee of this city.

By COMRADE STOBBE:

As I stated before I am not finding any fault with the convention committee.

I don't think we could have been better entertained by any encampment as we have been here, but I think the United Spanish War Veterans at this time, 1921, when the Snaix are seventeen

years of age, that we should be accorded the same recognition as the Ladies Auxiliary. The situation is this, in Utica we have no organization. There was no one here interested in the Serpent. We could not state our plans and what we desired. Now if the Department Commander or the Council Administration which takes up this matter will see that the arrangements are properly made in recognition of the Military Order of the Serpent, we will be satisfied.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

That, comrades, we did, and I myself came to this town and the matter was taken up with the committee here and this committee has supplied us with everything that we asked for. I have nothing further to say on this matter, only to tell you that this committee acted upon your suggestion and you were represented.

I move that the recommendation be not concurred in and that it be brought before the assemblage for action at the present time.

Motion seconded.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

What is your pleasure with the motion?

By COMRADE ALEXANDER:

There should be no question but what the Snaix should be accorded recognition and there should be no argument about it.

By PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER GANNON:

Comrades, Department Commander, I do not want the comrades to get an idea that I am trying to run things and what I am going to say has not been prepared. I think we have just arrived at a point in this organization where you have got to be very careful. I have all the respect in the world and admiration for the work that the Military Order of the Serpent do, but when you accord to them the same equal right as to the United Spanish War Veterans, you are doing something wrong. They have all the rights of a social organization attached to any other organization.

What makes me feel this way, I will just cite you an instance to show you what extremes a certain member of the Serpent wanted to carry their organization. I was invited one evening to attend the funeral services of one of Past Comrades. He was an active member of the Military Order of the Serpent and of United Spanish War Veterans, and they prevailed upon me to address a few remarks. During the course of my remarks I was asked to pin on the body of the dead comrade as he lay in his casket, a badge of the Military Order of the Serpent, and I refused to do it. I said what this man is getting is because of his war record, and I will get in bad odor with the members of the organization. I spoke to several of the members there and said. "Let us be fair. What do you think of the proposition if a World War Veteran lay dead in his casket and a body of men came up and wanted to pin the badge of the Cooties on him? Do you think it would be dignified? They said yes, that they didn't see anything wrong about that.

Suppose he belonged to some social organization, would it be appropriate to pin the badge of his order on him?

Afterwards a majority of the members when they came from the house, in talking with me down at the sidewalk admitted that I was perfectly right.

Now, comrades, the Military Order of the Serpent, is made up of a lot of good and lovable fine lot of members of this organization, but we all want to remember that first and foremost we are the United Spanish War Veterans, we are a patriotic body. We are organized to instill into the hearts of the people of this country, the spirit that made us as we are, veterans of our country. I believe in having everything you possibly can to stimulate interest but when you get to interfering with the sacred ideals of this organization, you are going to go on the rocks.

By COMRADE STOBBE:

Comrade Gannon is a very able speaker. I am not as able. I will just tell you the qualifications necessary to belong to the Military Order of the Serpent.

You must be a member in good standing of the encampment to be eligible for membership. As soon as you cease to be a member in good standing of the United Spanish War Veterans you cease to be a member of the Military Order of the Serpent. What difference is it to you, if you are a member of United Spanish War Veterans if you belong to any other organization if you are a perfectly straight and upright man. I say no, each man has his own ideals, one man thinks one way and another man thinks another way, an organization that I earn my livelihood from don't give a damn for the United Spanish War Veterans or any other organization.

A voice from the audience.

What idea is that?

COMRADE STOBBE (Continuing):

I didn't say idea. I said organization, on account of the preference bill to be put over.

There is no earthly reason why we shouldn't have recognition. Why do you distinguish against us? You don't change your coat when you join the organization, you don't change anything. You belong to this organization and you belong to a dozen organizations.

Some of you are Elks, some Masons, some Knights of Columbus. Is there any harm in that? Why should there be any, therefore I ask this encampment vote in favor of having the committee take the Military Order of the Serpent in consideration at its next encampment.

By COMRADE GOODWIN:

I would like to explain to the comrades on behalf of the committee, that they were at a loss to determine just what was meant by being accorded the same privilege as the Ladies Auxiliary. We

had no idea that there would be any such fireworks as a result of this resolution.

We thought it the proper thing to refer it to the people who would accord it due consideration. Now, the next administration can get in touch with the Committee of the Military Order of the Serpent and determine what they want and what they should have. Just what privilege they don't enjoy we were unable to determine. I believe the resolution should take the course suggested by the Resolutions Committee, and I have no doubt that a very satisfactory arrangement will be made as to all.

BY READING CLERK IRVING COON:

I move at this time that the recommendation of the Legislative Committee be concurred in.

BY DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

What is your pleasure with this resolution?

BY COMRADE BARKUS (No. 66):

I want to voice my sentiments as an active Snaix in the organization. I don't just exactly see what there is the ladies auxiliary have in receiving recognition from this organization.

I don't know what this resolution, if passed, would give to the Military Order of the Serpent.

BY DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

That has no bearing on this resolution. It isn't necessary to talk on that. You are taking good valuable time.

BY COMRADE BARKUS (No. 66):

The recognition that the Military Order of the Serpent is asking from this Department, is simply to give them a word in this committee, so that suitable arrangements will be made to the end that several social entertainments, and dinners are not going on at the same time, that the Snaix are engaged in their work, and that is the reason why I ask the comrades of this encampment to adopt a resolution without the recommendation of the committee giving the Snaix the right to have a voice in the matter of making arrangements.

BY COMRADE SAX (No. 66):

Comrade Commander, and Comrades, it seems to me there is a lot of useless discussion about this matter and we are taking up a lot of our valuable time. Motion has been passed that this convention take some action for the future arrangements of the Military Order of the Serpent.

BY DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

No, the motion was that we should concur in the recommendation of the resolution committee. Perhaps it would be well to place this resolution before you again. It is as follows: "Be it resolved that at future encampments of the U. S. W. V. Dept. of N. Y. that the Military Order of the Serpent be recognized in the

same manner as the auxiliary of the U. S. W. V. as accommodation and arrangement for parade and meetings." And then the Resolutions Committee recommended that it be referred to the incoming administration for proper action.

By COMRADE BARKUS:

In order to facilitate matter, I move you sir that the present matter of this convention, appoint a committee of three or five members of the Military Order of the Serpent (Interrupting by a comrade) point of order there is a motion before the house.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Comrades you are voting as to whether you will accept this resolution or reject it. Does everybody understand it.

By COMRADE STOBBE:

I admit that this resolution is hurriedly drawn. I drew it on a moment's notice, but you understand my idea of the matter. I might not have it in the proper shape. I don't care as long as the Military Order of the Serpent gets recognition, that is all I want, I don't care how you word it.

By COMRADE HERRING:

It seems to me if the words "Ladies Auxiliary" be stricken out, they will get what they want.

By SECRETARY AMEY:

If you vote Aye on this question you are going to open this organization in a way you never have before, and if you vote No you are going to leave it where it was.

We are veterans and our first love should be for the United Spanish War Veterans. Let us vote down the resolution, and then concur in the committee's report.

By COMRADE CUNNINGHAM:

It appears to me, Comrades, that this should be taken into consideration. You vote in an annual encampment to go to a certain city. They furnish headquarters for your Ladies Auxiliary, they go to an expense of four or five hundred dollars. It appears to me that if this resolution is adopted you are going to add an additional expense which would not be warranted.

By COMRADE FRIEDELISH (No. 28):

As a social organization connected with the United Spanish War Veterans I think we can amply take care of ourselves, and I move you, sir, that this question be voted down, and that the Military Order of the Serpent take care of themselves at any convention city where they are.

By SECRETARY AMEY:

I move the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee be concurred in, that is that it be referred to the incoming administration for their consideration.

Motion seconded. Carried.

By SECRETARY AMEY:

Resolution presented by William Goodwin, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee.

Whereas, The 18th annual encampment of the Department of New York, U. S. W. V. has been, through the efforts of the comrades of Liscum Wheeler Camp No. 33, the Mayor of the city and other municipal authorities, the Chamber of Commerce, the fraternal organizations and the citizens of Utica, royally entertained and cared for during our stay in the city of Utica,

Be it resolved, That we, the delegates and comrades assembled in the 18th annual encampment tender to the persons and organizations mentioned, our sincere thanks for their hospitality.

By COMRADE CONNLEY of the 14th regiment camp:

I would move you that a specific item be mentioned in that resolution mentioning the Mayor of the city of Utica.

The proposer of the original resolution accepted the amendment.

By READING CLERK IRVING COON:

Three cheers for the Mayor.

(THREE CHEERS.)

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

If there are no objections the resolutions will be adopted, and it was so ordered.

By COMRADE CARROLL (No. 73):

I ask unanimous consent to introduce this resolution at this time.

Unanimous consent given.

Resolved, That the incoming Department Commander be and he is hereby empowered and directed to appoint a committee of such a number as he deems sufficient and of which the Department Judge Advocate shall be the Chairman to compile a list or table of the laws of the State of New York and of United States in effect May 1, 1922, which are beneficial to the veterans of the United Spanish War, together with an accurate title and a concise summary of each law in simple language, and that the said committee submit such laws to the encampment of this department at its regular annual session to be held in the year 1922, and

Be it further resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars or so much thereof from the moneys of the treasurer in the Department for the expense, which may be incurred by the said committee, in the performance of this work, and I move the adoption of the resolution.

Motion seconded and carried.

By A COMRADE:

I would like to make a motion that the incoming Department Commander be instructed by this encampment to render a full

report on what action is taken by our organization on the resolutions that have been adopted by this encampment.

The reason I ask that is this, the organization each year gives expression to what they think is for the best interests of the department. The biggest part of the work falls upon the legislative committee or rather the committee on resolutions.

Year after year we devote the most of our time to the report of the committee on resolutions and that is all there is to it. We never hear any more about them.

I, therefore, move you that the incoming Department Commander be instructed and directed to render a report at the next encampment as to the disposition of each resolution passed.

By COMRADE RUSSELL (No. 43):

I move you as an amendment that instead of waiting until the next encampment as to the resolutions that as each resolution is taken care of that he so report in his monthly report and not wait until the next convention.

Motion seconded.

By COMRADE CARROLL:

I accept the amendment.

Motion carried.

By PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER GANNON:

I would like to offer a proposition. We are getting up to a time in the veteran organizations of this State, and I speak particularly of the Grand Army of the Republic, and it will not be very long when we will be in the same position, that they are so small in number that it is almost impossible for them to do anything as an organization, and I make a proposition that the incoming Department Commander be instructed to get in touch with the American Legion, the Grand Army of the Republic and every veteran organization so that whenever any village, city or county wishes to have an encampment that every veteran organization in that locality will join together to make a successful encampment of that particular organization. In other words if way up in the corner of the State there is a locality where there is just four or five members of the Grand Army, and they would like to have a grand army encampment up there, that the members of the other veteran bodies should join together and be one big committee, and assist in every way to the end that the encampment may have a successful conclusion, and so that whenever we meet in the future that the Grand Army of the Republic and the American Legion will be on the committee to receive us.

I think we ought to get in touch with the other organizations and have such a working agreement so that all the veteran bodies in that particular locality will work as a unit for the success of the encampment.

Motion seconded.

BY DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Are you ready for the question? The motion is that the incoming Department Commander get in touch or appoint a committee which will get in touch with the other veteran organizations in the locality where the encampment is held to the end that all veteran organizations will participate in the affair. Are you ready for the question?

Question.

Motion carried.

BY COMRADE GOODWIN:

On behalf of the resolutions committee, I wish to state that through a very serious omission, we neglected to pass a resolution thanking the comrades located in this city for their efforts to make this encampment a success.

All of you comrades know the wonderful hospitality we have enjoyed through the efforts of the local comrades and I wish to have it incorporated in the minutes that we tender them our heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

BY DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

If there is no objection the wish of the resolution committee will be adopted and the resolution that has been offered will also include comrades of the city of Utica. There being no objection it is so ordered.

BY PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JONES:

It is quarter past eleven and I believe there is necessity for expediting matters, I therefore move, Comrade Commander, that preparation be made for the ballot and that the poles be declared open from 11:30 to 12.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

There being no objection, it is so ordered.

Department Marshall, will you ask the Credentials Committee to close their affairs and report here.

BY PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER GANNON:

I offer at this time a suggestion that this encampment send to the American Legion their sincere sympathy in the loss of their distinguished commander in chief and that it be the sense of this encampment that we stand at attention for a minute.

Motion seconded and carried.

(The Convention stood at attention for one minute.)

The Credentials Committee reports that there are three hundred and sixty-four registered, as follows:

BY THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

We have got another minute to wait for the ballot boxes, they are being brought in the Mayor's car, and while we are waiting we will have a few remarks from our distinguished guest, Past Commander in Chief, Hamilton Ward of Buffalo.

BY HAMILTON WARD:

Commander Comrade, and Guests: I see a great many familiar faces here and other faces I hope to get familiar with. I am one of the old members of the organization and some of you men who have developed in the organization in recent years I haven't had the pleasure of meeting, and I regret that I haven't been at this encampment during its whole session. It is a great privilege to me to come here and hear the Department Commander announce that there are nearly four hundred delegates at this encampment. That shows how strong the organization has grown, under the management of the past few years. There was a suggestion made here by one of the delegates that impressed me considerably, and that is, that we must not forget that we are an organization whose primary purpose is to inculcate patriotism. Sometimes we attend these encampments and go away with the feeling that we have lost that purpose in a measure and are giving most of our thoughts and attention to our personal advancement. Now let us think of that suggestion that the comrade makes, because I believe this organization has now become almost the spokesman of the patriotic bodies of America. You come from every community in this State, and your works are influential in your locality, and we must not forget that the real purpose of this organization is not to get pensions, not to get preference in Civil Service, but the real purpose of this organization is to preserve the memory of the patriotic service not for our own aggrandizement but for the benefit of those in the future.

Everyone of you know what prompted you to be a soldier, you know the things that made you volunteer a soldier was because you had seen those old G. A. R. fellows from time to time when you were a little boy marching up to the cemetery, and decorating the graves of their departed comrades, and everyone of those old fellows, to you, was a hero, and so friends, let us keep that as the paramount business of this organization. Otherwise only self interest would be the motive and the reason for the existence of this organization.

Every soldier has an interest in patriotic education, and patriotic work.

You know when you look over the casualty list of the late war and know the small number of men who died of disease in comparison with our service and realize that while those of us who only served in the Spanish War had a small casualty from gun shot wounds, not comparable with the present war, yet our total casualty list, the percentage of men who died who served in the Spanish War was much higher than the percentage of men who died serving in the World War.

The reason I speak of this is because one of the great services our men did was to teach the world that the deadly thing in war was not enemies with guns, but disease, and it was because of that sacrifice that the soldiers of the World War owe their lives many

of them, that experience and knowledge came in the Spanish War, and everyone of our comrades who died in a foreign camp, a hundred world war veterans have returned safe and sound as a result of the lessons there learned.

As we go back to our homes whether in the great cities of the east, or the scattered pampas of the west, as we go back to our homes, let us remember that as Spanish War Veterans we are the spokesmen of the patriotism of our community. (Applause.)

I thank you, my friends, for this opportunity to see you again and say a few words. (Applause.)

BY PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JONES:

The Committee on greeting to the Ladies' Auxiliary, wish to report and say we have fulfilled our duty.

BY PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER GANNON:

I just want to make a supplemental remark to the remarks of Past Commander in Chief, Ward, along the lines of patriotism.

I don't want anyone here to go away with any false impression I would like to state that the members of the Grand Army of the Republic are also very anxious about the preference bill.

BY DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

As previously introduced, I will now call upon the editor of the National Tribune, William L. Mattocks of Washington.

I am sure you are all very much concerned and interested as to what he has to say.

BY WILLIAM L. MATTOCKS:

Comrades, I have had several degrees in the encampment of New York, I think this is my fourth degree, and I like them. I am going to take more of them.

A great many of the comrades know me personally, some of them, doubtless, have heard of me. I am just as patriotic as any of the men, but unfortunately I haven't the gift of oratory to stir people by words of patriotism but I believe in it.

I agree with some of the other speakers that one of the first principles of this organization is to inculcate the spirit of patriotism and to be true to the government of the country.

I think, comrades, you will find that incorporated in our rules and regulations and it further goes on to say to render such aid as I can without detriment to myself or family for needy comrades and their dependents. That is all part of what we subscribed to when we joined the organization.

Now there is one certain method by which we can render aid to the needy without detriment to ourselves except in so far as we are a very minor part of the great nation, we can insist that the nation fulfill its full obligation to the widow and orphans and those dependent upon it. That is one thing we can do and should do.

There is at the present time before the Congress of the United

States a bill which if passed, will be of great help to quite a number of the needy widows and minor children of this country.

On July 16, 1918, after many years of hard work, we succeeded in inducing Congress to pass a law allowing compensation to the widow.

We thought we had something, the law of July 16, 1918, contained a clause which says: "That the widow of a man who served in the regular army or navy unless that man actually was without the confines of the United States for a period of ninety days during war time, the widow is not entitled to the benefits of that act. The men who have made soldiering as a profession, it wasn't understood what the actual meaning of that word was when it was placed in the law.

Now I will tell you that on April 21, 1898, the regular army of the United States contained barely twenty-four thousand men and immediately when war was declared, she recruited the regulars up to what they call war strength, one hundred thousand. A little later they needed more men, and they recruited it up to one hundred and sixty-five thousand. I maintain that every one of the hundred and forty-one thousand who enlisted in the regular army were volunteers.

Fortunately for myself I happened to land in what was a volunteer outfit, consequently they say my widow would be entitled to something.

Don't forget that the War Department urged everybody to get into the regular army because you have better officers, better food, better equipment and a better opportunity to see the front first. Those men went into it to get into the fight, therefore they were entitled to the same treatment under the law.

Now, comrades, that is one of the causes that has been eliminated from the law that is now before the house known as House Bill No. 4.

There is another clause which applies to another law which is known as the Sells Bill. In order to get in a position where a widow was entitled to compensation it required ninety days of actual service. The War was started in April 21, 1898, the actual serving commenced to take place the early part of July, you will recall that the first reports that reached this country were not of an encouraging nature, therefore they issued a call for more men, and I want to say, that the men who enlist when it looks as if their services were needed is entitled to as much as the one who goes down during the excitement. There were quite a number of regiments recruited in July, as late as the 15th and 20th of July, and on the 8th of August, the war was over. The government did not discharge these men then, but they issued an order on August 29th, general orders 130, and it said to these men, you go home, remain under orders for 30 or 60 days and if we need you, you have got to come back, you are subject to orders. These men didn't ask for that furlough it was handed to them. Now, we

found out that there were quite a number of men who had a service from 75 to 89 days and who, on account of the conditions of their service, were financial wrecks, and yet unable to get a pension under the law, but when House Bill No. 4 becomes a law, it will instruct the bureau of pension to count time under furlough under general order 130, as time spent and will take care of all men who should be taken care of.

Of course, we as an organization and as individuals are very much interested to have this matter become a law. Nevertheless there are questions more vital affecting the entire nation, which are before Congress, which must be considered before they will devote time to us. Meantime we can be laying our plans, we can be urging the representatives of our particular localities to support these measures when the time comes and give consideration to these bills.

If fifteen or twenty or two hundred men or women are in favor of a certain proposition, a Congressman is going to give it consideration, and if it is at all meritorious he will support it, particularly if there is no one in opposition to it, and that is the position we are in. We have no opposition.

The things we are asking for we can stand up in public and advocate and I ask each and every one of you to express your opinion to your representative that they may know you are interested in this matter, and I am sure that your representative, after looking into it will be perfectly free and happy to support it.

That is what we want every comrade to do. I thank you.

By COMRADE SNYDER:

Comrades, the matter of transportation is one that required considerable attention. Yesterday morning on this floor I announced that these certificates were to be in my possession not later than six o'clock. Some of you have not yet handed your certificates to me. Do not fail to do so.

I announce that the delegates who desire to get to New York today, that there are two trains leaving here this afternoon, the Empire State Express, leaving at 5:02 Western Time, 6:02 Daylight Saving Time. The tickets will be good on the Empire State Express to New York.

There is another train leaving at 6:45 Daylight time, which will arrive in New York at 10:56.

Empire State Express arrives at New York at 10:20.

Govern yourselves accordingly.

You can choose of the two which you prefer.

By COMRADE GARDNER:

Comrades, I move you that Comrade Snyder receive a rising vote of thanks for his conscientious and hard work in looking after the transportation end of this convention.

Motion seconded and carried.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Comrades, there is a man here who has urged the privilege of the floor about amalgamation of some kind with the World War

Veterans. Do you want to hear the comrade, will you give him the privilege of the floor.

Consent was given.

BY VICTOR A. HARRIS:

Comrades, I won't keep you but a minute, Department Commander Gannon just sounded the proper note, when he spoke about the consolidation for the purposes of the convention.

We started that in Mount Vernon and I will tell you how it was done.

When we had our installation of officers last year I made a proposition to the Commander to invite the American Legion boys to that installation, we also invited the Grand Army boys.

We all got together and we had a very pleasant time. We showed them how we celebrated the occasion and they came in and enjoyed themselves. By social intercourse with one another we have a splendid feeling among all the veteran organizations, and any time one of them proposes anything the other joins them in hand and glove with the result that every entertainment or function that has been initiated has had the support of all the organizations and there is no reason why that cannot be worked out on a larger scale as suggested by Past Department Commander Gannon. (Applause.)

BY COMRADE TINNEY, Department Quartermaster:

I had quite an argument this morning in a meeting of the credential committee. I took the position that a Spanish War Veteran is entitled to everything he possibly can get, and when a certificate is issued if a Spanish War Veteran is a member of any camp in the State of New York, I believe he is entitled to the certificate and I took the stand that any Spanish War Veteran irrespective of where he is located, if he is a member of any camp, he is entitled to a certificate.

And I wish to announce to the comrades that that is where I stood so that there will be no misunderstanding about it.

BY DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The following comrades will act as tellers during the balloting and counting, for Spires, Charles Hilton and Joseph Rovenhill.

For Foster, E. J. Illingsworth and Charles B. Cleary.

For Snyder, Fred Boehlig and W. C. Wahle.

For Comrade Wood, Adjutant Nealis and Commander Brath.

For Alexander, Edward Slavin and Jacob Amslee.

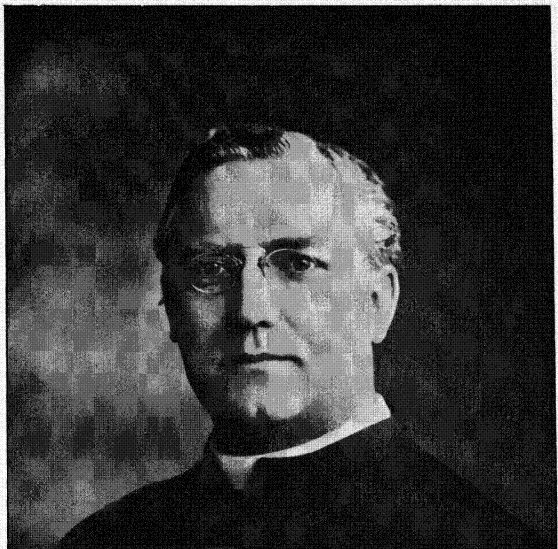
For Lawrence, John J. Falls and Joseph O'Connor.

For Roseberg, M. J. Leary and Louis A. Winsman.

BY DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Now, comrades, will please pay strict attention to this order.

It is absolutely necessary that we understand the system if we are going to get through quickly.



RIGHT REV. MONS. JOHN P. CHIDWICK
Department Chaplain

Praying for the nation's dead
at the soldiers' and sailors'
Memorial Mass, Brooklyn, N.
Y., 1918.

Speaking for the life of the
nation at the Liberty Altar,
New York city, 1918.

We are voting on these tickets which are numbered from one to 200, that is on this side, the left side, we are voting on the right side, the other side, tickets numbered from 201 to 374.

Now please remember that.

You will very likely have more than one ballot, and I will request you not to leave the room until the ballot is counted.

We have one thousand ballots here so be careful not to destroy any. There are eight candidates for delegates and the four delegates receiving the largest number will be the delegates at large to the National Encampment and the other four will be alternates.

By PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JONES:

Before the tellers retire with the ballot boxes, I move that the tellers count for the office where there are three candidates first.

Motion seconded and carried.

Balloting began for the office of Department Commander.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

I declare this ballot box closed.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

The question of a convention city is to be voted upon and while we are waiting for the report of the tellers, I will ask somebody to offer a resolution that the city of Newburgh, which is the only city which we have an invitation or a request from be accepted as the convention city for 1922

By COMRADE RIGLEY:

In view of the fact that only one city has been nominated, I move that the Department Adjutant be authorized to cast one ballot as the place for the next encampment and on the ballot appears the name of the city of Newburgh.

Motion seconded and carried and so ordered.

By COMRADE OATES (No. 20):

Comrades, it would be presumptuous on my part at least when we are here waiting to hear the results of an election, if I were to attempt to elaborate upon the magnificent manner in which Past Department Commander placed before you the many advantages of the Preference Bill, but I want to at this time, as one of the old timers who was in the preferential fight from the start, way back some twelve or thirteen years ago, to say just a word.

I have watched with considerable pleasure and admiration at the magnificent manner that Past Department Commander Gannon has carried this through to such a successful conclusion.

The point I would like to make and call to your attention is that it will be necessary to have munitions of war to combat those who are battling against us. The opposition has opposed us year after year, in the Legislature. I have this suggestion to offer, that there be delegated to the incoming Department Commander the right to raise funds to carry this fight on.

The way to fight and the way to raise funds is to organize in every section and every camp in this Department, and to get the best speakers that we possibly can. There must be system, there must be organization, there must be money to pay the railroad and hotel expenses of our representatives in their work. Don't let us go at this matter in a picayune way, let us tackle it a broad way, in the way that we tackled the Spanish guns, in the field in 1898. Let us be into it, before the other organizations get a fair start. We can do it. And if you do work hard and keep it up, when the sun goes down on the evening of November 8th of this year, victory will have come to the veterans who are entitled at all times to preference.

BY DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Comrades, there is a vote on the office of Junior Vice Department Commander, that the teller wishes to announce. I will tell you now that there has not been a majority of votes cast for the office of Junior Vice Department Commander.

As it now stands Alexander has received 73 votes.

Lawrence, 151 votes.

Rosenberg, 111 votes.

Defective ballots, 2.

There are 337 ballots which balances with the sheet.

The fact that there has not been a majority vote cast will necessitate another ballot.

We will again vote upon the office of Junior Vice Department Commander. (Balloting taking place.)

BY DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I declare the ballot closed from 201 to 375.

I declare the ballot closed from one to 200.

(The tellers retire from the room.)

BY DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

There are some men who claim not to have voted, and are claiming the right to vote, that the ballot boxes should not have been closed. Now I am not going to decide such an important question. As you recall we all voted and we asked if there were any other who wished to vote, and there was no response, but I am going to leave to the Assemblage as to whether or not these men have the right to vote.

BY COMRADE MCKAY:

I think the men who were out eating, should be entitled to vote. They have been faithful here, it is long past the lunch hour, they stepped out for a moment feeling sure that the tellers would not have returned by this time. I appeal to your sense of fair play as to whether or not a delegate to this convention should be refused the high privilege of casting a second ballot.

I ask you, Commander, whether it is the decision of the delegates that we were not entitled to a vote. I speak for some fifty

or sixty delegates and I ask you if you think it is fair to deny a delegate his right to vote. I think not.

BY COMRADE PALMER:

I hold that the delegate is entitled to his right to vote, a man is sent by his camp as a delegate to vote, and I think he should be permitted to do so.

BY PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JONES:

I want to ask whether or not there was any adjournment taken, then if there was not every comrade has a right to stay in this Armory and to truly represent his Camp. I have gone without my dinner. I don't know who these men are who haven't voted, but whoever they are, they should have stayed in here, and I move you, Comrade Commander, that the ballot be not opened.

BY COMRADE FAGAN (No. 1):

I insist that it is not fair to close the ballot box unless there has been a time fixed for the ballot to close.

The rules and regulations provide an hour must be set for the beginning and one for the closing of the balloting.

It is my understanding that a time was not fixed for the closing of the ballot on this office, therefore how were they to know when the ballot was to be closed? Therefore I think you have got to watch your step.

BY DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

The comrades asked the question if it was my decision to close the ballot. Now, it was my decision, and I announced it as loud as my lungs would allow me, that there was a possibility of there being another ballot and to remain in session and went into new business to keep the delegates here, and now that the question is put up to me, I say this, I don't want to deprive any man of his rights, and I won't decide the matter myself.

BY COMRADE CARROLL:

Don't let us get excited about it. We all want to be fair. We don't want to deprive any comrade of his right to vote. I would like to ask if there was a time set for the ballot box to close?

BY DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Yes.

By COMRADE CARROLL:

Comrade Fagan says that the rules and regulations provide that an hour must be set for the closing and opening, is that your understanding, Comrade Fagan?

BY COMRADE FAGAN:

I regret to say that I don't know that that is so, but that is my understanding, but the fact remains that the ballot box was opened by the Commander and we all set by, notwithstanding

the rules and regulations and we thereby waived what other rights we had at that moment. I think those who were not here at the time were absent without cause. The precedent is very dangerous. We do not want to deprive a comrade of his right to vote, but we must draw the line somewhere.

BY PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER GANNON:

I move this whole matter be laid on the table.

BY A COMRADE (Name not given):

On the question of personal privilege I ask the privilege just to make a statement.

BY COMRADE COOKINHAM:

I am informed that the tellers —

BY PAST COMMANDER GANNON:

May I ask a point of information?

BY DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

Yes.

BY PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER GANNON:

Is it proper to consider a ballot opened or closed when you only report one part of the results? Is it illegal, is it proper to make a report of one section of the ballot and not make a report as to the ballot? Is it out of order that where there is a ballot cast and a likelihood for a second ballot on one set of candidates to report on that group and not on the rest?

BY DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

Comrade Gannon, I believe the vote should be announced in its entirety, but in our haste to make time so that we may be able to get our trains we adopted the course we have been following, and if I erred it was not intentional. Comrades are you ready for the question? Question.

All in favor of the motion to lay the whole matter on the table will signify by the usual sign of the order.

Motion carried and so ordered.

BY COMRADE GAHARRITY:

Inasmuch as seven or eight delegates have been deprived of the right to vote on this particular office, I am going to be fair and square. I want the names of the delegates and the camps they represent, and I move you that notice be sent to their camps that they were negligent in their duty. I don't think I could be any fairer than that.

BY COMRADE MCKAY:

I move you, sir, that the result of the ballot be totalled before the tellers report be received by this convention.

BY THE TELLERS:

We are not in a position to give the total vote on everything, but we are in position to give the following vote. The vote for the office of Junior Vice Department Commander is as follows:

For George Alexander, 54.
 For Charles G. Lawrence, 116.
 For Rosenberg, 86.
 The total vote is 256.

BY DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

It will be necessary to take another ballot.

Motion made and seconded that when the regular ballots are exhausted, each delegate may cast a vote by writing the name of a candidate on a blank piece of paper.

Motion carried.

(Voting on Junior Vice Department Commander taking place.)

BY DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Comrades, are there any more in the room that wish to vote? Has everybody in this room voted that wants to vote for the office of Junior Vice Department Commander. If there are no others who wish to vote I will entertain a motion to close the ballot box.

BY PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JONES:

I move you that the ballot box be closed at promptly 2:30.

Motion seconded and carried.

BY DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I declare the ballot closed.

BY COMRADE CONLEY (No. 14):

I move you that in case there is no change in this ballot that the candidate receiving the least number of votes for the office of Junior Vice Department Commander be eliminated from the next ballot.

BY DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

I will not entertain that motion.

BY COMRADE MCKAY:

I want to say this, that any man has a right to stay in the field as long as it suits him.

BY THE TELLERS:

We are ready to report upon the office of Department Commander.

Leonard S. Spire.....	232 votes.
William A. Foster.....	22 votes.
William C. Snyder.....	82 votes.

For the office of Senior Vice Department Commander:

Frank W. Wood.....	313 votes.
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For the office of Junior Vice Department Commander:

George Alexander	37 votes
Charles G. Lawrence.....	116 votes.
Ben Rosenberg	73 votes.

For Delegates-at Large:

Thomas J. Bourke.....	218 votes.
Irving Coon	189 votes.
John J. Riley.....	134 votes.
Philip Riley	111 votes.
Peter A. Nealis.....	227 votes.
Harry Lichten	81 votes.
Alfred J. Kennedy.....	95 votes.
Paul Stobbe	208 votes.

Thomas J. Bourke, Irving Coon, Peter A. Nealis and Paul Stobbe are elected as delegates at large.

By COMRADE FOSTER:

Comrades, on behalf of myself and on behalf of Comrade Snyder, who has delegated me to do so, I move you that the election of Leonard S. Spire, be made unanimous.

Motion seconded, carried and so ordered.

By COMRADE BEN ROSENBERG:

I want to say if after twelve years of effort my ambition has been denied, that I am going to stick around another twelve years.

I want to move at this time that the election of Charles G. Lawrence, be made unanimous.

By GEORGE ALEXANDER:

I would like to second that motion.

Motion carried.

By COMRADE FOSTER:

The convention has worked hard or rather, I should say, the Committee has worked hard to make this convention a success, and it is not a success if all the comrades leave and make this installation a farce. I ask as a personal favor that you all stay and assist in installing the officers we have elected.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LANIGAN:

The installing officer as chosen by the Commander Elect Leonard S. Spire, is Past Commander in Chief, Hamilton Ward. For Master of Ceremonies, Past Department Commander, John C. Herrick.

By PAST COMMANDER IN CHIEF, HAMILTON WARD:

I ask that the officers elected come on the platform and we will proceed at once with the ceremony.

I appoint Past Department Commander Herrick, as Master of Ceremonies.

I ask that the Master of Ceremonies present to me and to this encampment, Department Commander Elect, Leonard S. Spire.

By MASTER OF CEREMONIES HERRICK:

I have the honor to present to you, Department Commander Elect, Leonard S. Spire.

BY PAST COMMANDER IN CHIEF HAMILTON WARD:

Comrade, I congratulate upon the great honor which has been conferred upon you by your election to office in this Department and upon the enlarged opportunity that is given you for service to our beloved organization. It is my duty to install you in office, and I charge you to consider in all seriousness the obligations you will now take. You will raise your right hand and repeat after me.

I, Leonard S. Spire by my word of honor as a man and as a Comrade of the United Spanish War Veterans, do solemnly pledge myself to faithfully perform all the duties devolving upon me in the office to which I have been elected.

I rely upon you to honestly fulfill the solemn obligations that you have just taken, and I now declare you duly installed as Department Commander, for the ensuing year.

Master of Ceremonies, you will conduct the Department Commander to a seat at my right.

BY MASTER OF CEREMONIES:

I now have the honor to present to you for installation, Senior Vice Department Commander Elect, Frank W. Wood, and Junior Vice Department Commander, Charles G. Lawrence for installation.

Comrades, I congratulate you upon the great honor that has been conferred by your election to the various offices of this Department. It is my duty to install you in office and I charge you to consider in all seriousness, the obligation you will now take.

You will each raise your right hand and repeat after me.

I, Frank W. Wood, I, Charles G. Lawrence, by my word of honor as a man and as a comrade of the United Spanish War Veterans, do solemnly pledge myself to faithfully perform all the duties devolving upon me in the office to which I have been elected.

Comrades, I rely upon you to honestly fulfill these solemn obligations you have just taken, and I declare you now duly installed as Senior Vice Department Commander and Junior Vice Department Commander of the United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York for the ensuing year.

Master of Ceremonies, you will conduct the newly elected Department Commander to a seat on the platform and the rest of the officers will take there a seat. (Applause.)

BY PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF WARD:

Comrade Department Commander, it is my extreme honor and pleasure to hand to you the gavel, the emblem of power and of authority of this Department.

Wield it without fear or favor, with justice and sincerity, conscientiously for all the members of this department.

By virtue of the authority in me, I declare you comrades duly and legally installed for the several offices to which you have been elected.

By COMRADE MATTOCKS:

Comrades, the Department Commander elect, has made our organization loved in Buffalo. He really loves this organization and he is a competent man. His real interest in life is to serve this organization, and I do not think you have made any mistake in electing him.

I want to thank you comrades, and I want to thank you comrades, on behalf of the delegates of Western New York, I feel pretty good this afternoon, and the reason I do is because, Spire has been elected Department Commander and has been given an opportunity to show what he can do.

Now I am going to present Senior Vice-Department Commander Wood of Binghamton, after Spire says a word or two to you.

By LEONARD S. SPIRE:

Comrades, I am not going to take up any of your time in making a lengthy talk. I simply wish to express my appreciation for the high honor you have bestowed on me on this occasion. I make no promises except that I will do my very best to follow the examples set by my predecessors. My whole heart is wrapped up in the Department of New York, and I feel convinced that in support of the comrades who elected me to the office of Department Commander, and I know I will receive the support of those who didn't vote for me, because they are all loyal comrades, we will make a wonderful success of our administration this year.

I wish at this time to state that I will not commit myself in any way on the 18th amendment, but I believe that there are a great many more important things to the organization than grappling with our constitution.

In selecting the officers for the ensuing year, I will try to make selection so that the entire department is covered and the camps will be all satisfied.

As I stated before I will do my utmost to maintain the high standard set by my predecessors.

I simply now wish to call attention to a coincident in connection with my election today.

I am a former member of the 222d New York Volunteers. I am the second Department Commander elected from the city of Buffalo. The first one was Francis H. Ward of the 202d regiment. He was Department Commander in 1902. Frank A. Sedway was elected at Utica, six years ago and Bernard Wahl was also a corporal of Company A, 202d Regiment and furthermore it was only recently I moved in Buffalo from Franklin street to Utica street. Again I want to thank you and I trust that at the end of my administration you will not be disappointed in me and my administration and that it will compare favorably with that of my predecessors.

By PAST COMMANDER HAMILTON WARD:

I am now going to introduce to you, Senior Vice-Department Commander Wood, also to suggest that there are a number of vacant homes on Utica street in Buffalo.

By SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT FRANK W. WOOD:

At the Binghamton Encampment last year I promised to do my best if elected to the office of Junior Vice-Department Commander. I have tried to do that, and I can promise this year to do the same as I did last year.

I think I made good and I promise to do everything I can possibly to help our Department Commander, and I want to thank you for your support of me today in selecting me to the high office of Senior Vice-Department Commander of this Department.

By PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF WARD:

Now, comrades, maybe after the next officer has served for a year he will be as popular as comrade Wood. I take great pleasure in introducing to you Junior Vice-Department Commander-elect Charles G. Lawrence.

By COMRADE CHARLES G. LAWRENCE:

I appreciate the honor you have bestowed upon me very much, and I promise you that I will do all in my power to show you how deep my appreciation is for being elected to this high and honorable office.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER SPIRE:

Is there any further business to come before this Convention?

By PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER CUNNINGHAM:

I move that we now adjourn sine die.

Motion seconded and carried.

By DEPARTMENT COMMANDER SPIRE:

I now declare the 18th annual encampment of the Department of New York, adjourned sine die.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT ENDING MARCH 31, 1921

Receipts

Cash in bank, February 28th.....	\$395 67
Supplies	248 58
Per capita tax	55 01
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	\$699 26
Expenses for month.....	335 86
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Cash in bank.....	\$363 40

Disbursements

National Headquarters, supplies.....	\$155 86
W. Lanigan to New York.....	25 00
Troy, Hdqts, miscellaneous expenses.....	25 00
Mulholland Bros., floral piece.....	20 00
Postage, New York office.....	10 00
Dept. Adjutant, on account, salary.....	50 00
Ass't Dept. Adj., on account, salary.....	50 00
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JAMES J. O'CONNOR,
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JOSEPH F. TINNEY,
Dept. Quartermaster.

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Comrade John Dirckinek, of No. 1318 Rogers Avenue, Brooklyn, who died January 25, 1921, and was buried at Cypress Hills Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y. Comrade Dirckinek participated in the insurrection in the Philippines.

Department Commander William Lanigan, in order to comply with the appeal of Miss Agnes A. Brand, No. 866 Hancock street, Brooklyn, N. Y., who is executrix of the late Comrade John Dirckinek's estate, takes this means of carrying out his request before he departed this life, to notify his former Comrades of Gridley Post, No. 5, Veteran Army of the Philippines, Cavite, of his demise. Hoping that any notification given this matter by Camps of the U. S. W. V. will be sincerely and deeply appreciated by the Department of New York.

Shipmate Sebastian Vogel, Col. Henry W. Hubbell Camp No. 24, New York city, late Assistant Plumber, United States Army Transport "Logan," participated in the Philippine Islands and China Expedition. Died February 22, 1921. Buried at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Long Island.

Past Commander Edward J. Murray, of Col. Henry W. Hubbell Camp No. 24, New York city, late Private, Twenty-seventh, U. S. Infantry. Died at Newark, N. J., February 26, 1921. Buried March 1, 1921, at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Newark, N. J.

Comrade Patrick Coughlin, Gen. Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38, New York city, late Wagoner Co. F, 69th New York Volunteers. Died at the National Soldiers' Home Hospital, Virginia, March 12, 1921. Buried with full military honors March 16, 1921, at the National Cemetery, Virginia, by the Comrades of the Col. A. M. Higgins Camp of Virginia.

The Gen. Guy V. Henry Camp deeply appreciate the genuine comradeship shown by Sr. Vice-Commander Dempsey and Comrades of the Col. Higgins Camp for their kindly interest shown to a New York Comrade, also appreciate the personal interest taken by two New York Comrades, Edward P. Horan and Joseph Carey, who are attaches of the Home, and to the Chaplain, Rev. Father Lee, we express our deepest gratitude, for his untiring and consoling interest in our late Comrade.

Comrade George J. Simons, Manhattan Camp No. 1, New York city, late Private Co. "E," 12th New York Volunteer Infantry. Died March 14, 1921. Buried March 16, 1921, at Lutheran Cemetery, with full military honors and Masonic Escort.

Comrade H. A. Townsend, Hudson B. Moore Camp 78, late Private Co. "D," 4th U. S. Cavalry. Died March 18, 1921. Buried March 21, 1921, at Woodlawn Cemetery, Newburgh, N. Y., with full military honors.

Comrade John Sullivan, Louis W. Carlisle Camp No. 56, Watertown, N. Y., late on the retired list of the Regular Army. Comrade Sullivan saw service as follows: Five years in Co. "F," 13th Infantry; fourteen years, eight months with Co. "K," 20th Infantry, and ten years, four months with Co. "A," 11th Infantry. Died at Rochester, N. Y., March 20, 1921. Buried on Glenwood Cemetery, Watertown, N. Y., March 23, 1921, with full military honors; firing squad and musician being detailed from the 63rd Infantry at Madison Barracks.

Comrade Ernest Manney, Hudson B. Moore Camp No. 78, Newburgh, N. Y. Comrade Manney served with distinguished honor during the Spanish-American and the late World wars. It was during the smashing of the Hindenburg line of the World conflict that the late Comrade made the sacrifice supreme, being killed in action on French soil. The remains were brought to Newburgh, N. Y. Reburial was at the Woodlawn Cemetery. Full military honors were paid by the Comrades of Hudson B. Moore Camp No. 78, on March 29, 1921.

Deep expressions of sorrow are extended by the Department to the camps and families of our departed comrades.

WILLIAM LANIGAN,
Department Commander.

Official:

JAMES J. O'CONNOR,
Department Adjutant.

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ROSTER

No. 1, Manhattan, N. Y. C., 127 Columbus ave. Meets 2d and 4th Saturdays. Comdr., Chas. J. Ruhman, 1285 Second ave., N. Y.; Adj. Geo. J. Murphy, 782 Columbus ave.; Q. M., Wm. J. Bonner, 1000 Avenue "A."

No. 2, M. D. Russell, Troy, N. Y., 275 River st. Meets 2d and 4th Thursdays. Comdr., Harry J. Gleason, 379 Fourth ave., Troy, N. Y.; Adjt., Nelson Hare, R. F. D. No. 1, Wynantskill, N. Y.; Q. M., Fred. W. Smith, 416 Fourth ave., North Troy, N. Y.

No. 3, Thomas H. Barber, Binghamton, N. Y. Meets, State Armory on 1st Wednesday. Comdr. Stephen L. Barath, 4 Stuyversant st.; Adjt., Alfred J. Nealis, 10 Ferry st.; Q. M., Frank C. Baylor, 160 Court st.

No. 4, Wm. H. Hubbell, Brooklyn. Meets, 548 Franklin ave., on 2d and 4th Fridays. Comdr., Wm. E. Schultz, 3219 Fulton st., Brooklyn; Adjt., Wm. S. Halliday, 548 Franklin ave.; Q. M., Ed. L. Martin, 548 Franklin ave.

No. 5, Glouster Naval, Brooklyn. Meets, 548 Franklin ave., on 2d Saturday. Comdr., John Kempton, 26 Reeves place, Brooklyn; Adjt., Joseph M. Long, 356 Eleventh st., Brooklyn; Q. M., E. J. Fitzsimmons, 246 President st., Brooklyn.

No. 6, Hon. Stephen Sanford, Amsterdam, N. Y. Meets, 56 East Main st., on 1st and 4th Wednesdays. Comdr., F. A. Russell, 30 Chestnut st.; Adjt., John Myeir, 235½ Division st.; Q. M., Jas. R. Shuttleworth, 7 William st.

No. 7, Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls, N. Y. Meets, State Armory on the 1st Monday. Comdr., Leonard J. Sturmer; Adjutant, Maurice Horton; Q. M., Charles Guinther.

No. 8, Wm. R. Carmer, Mt. Vernon, N. Y. Meets, G. A. R. Hall, 44 South Fourth ave., on 2d Thursday. Comdr., James Grieco, 8 East Sidney ave., Mt. Vernon; Adjt., J. J. Strofford, 207 North Seventh ave.; Q. M., John H. Brancard, 102 South Third ave.

No. 9, W. A. Wilson, Glens Falls, N. Y. Meets, Maccabees' Hall, on 1st Friday. Comdr., C. M. Brownell, Box 244, Glens Falls, N. Y.; Adjt., James J. Hogan, City Hall; Q. M., E. P. Hays, care of Post Office.

No. 10, Theodore Roosevelt, N. Y. C. Meets 508 Willis ave. and 148th st., on 1st and 3d Saturdays. Comdr., Patrick A. McGee, 309 East 136 st.; Adjt., Nathan Michel, 1024 Boston road; Q. M., John H. Meneke, 307 East 157th st.

No. 11, General Eugene Griffin, Schenectady, N. Y. Meets, State Armory, on 1st and 3d Wednesdays. Comdr., Michael Reilly, 545 Rugby road; Adjt., D. O. Small, 1411 Albany st.; Q. M., C. B. Taylor, 212 Fifth st.

No. 12, Seyburn-Liscum, Buffalo, N. Y. Meets, G. A. R. Convention Hall, on 1st and 3d Mondays. Comdr., Wm. E. Seeley, 216 Forest ave.; Adjt., Geo. J. Bonn, 43 Krettnner st.; Q. M., Albert Hahn, 904 Mutual Life Bldg.

No. 14, Fourteenth Regiment, Brooklyn. Meets, 14th Regiment, 8th ave, and 15th st., on 1st and 3d Fridays. Comdr., Wm. J. Alcorn, 191 Nassau st., Brooklyn; Adjt., Arthur Earle, 5717 Third ave., Brooklyn; Q. M., Ed. A. Deats, 38-A Windsor place, Brooklyn.

No. 15, Bucky O'Neill, Buffalo, N. Y. Meets, Anger's Hall, 1438 Fillmore ave., on 1st and 3d Fridays. Comdr., Frank J. Schreiber, 207 Sumner place; Adjt., A. J. Ransom, 172 Breckenridge st.; Q. M., Jacob N. Winkler, 6 Mulberry st.

No. 16, Admiral Schley Naval Squadron, Brooklyn. Meets, 548 Franklin ave., on 1st and 3d Mondays. Comdr., Edward F. Wilson, 209 Kingston ave., Brooklyn. Flag Lieut., Sigmund Garlick, 174 Stuyvesant ave., Brooklyn; Paymaster, Herman Meyer, 210 West 88th st., N. Y.

No. 17, Maj.-Gen. R. P. Hughes, Buffalo, N. Y. Meets, 237 Sycamore st., on 1st and 3d Thursdays. Comdr., George Quick, 89 Newfield ave.; Adjt., Wm. R. Marzahn, 117 Pries ave.; Q. M., John Linsman, 66 Montana ave.

No. 18, Admiral Phillips, Brooklyn. Meets, Borough Hall, Room 13, Brooklyn, on 1st Friday. Comdr., C. J. Holland, 237-A, Clifton place, Brooklyn; Adjt., Walter Blenheim, 405 Carlton ave., Brooklyn; Q. M., J. E. Allen, 919 Lafayette ave., Brooklyn.

No. 19, Old Guard, N. Y. Meets, Veterans' Room, 22d Regt., 168th st. and Broadway, on 1st Tuesday and 3d Thursday. Comdr., Ernest Collyer, 262 Green st., New York; Adjt., ———; Q. M., G. D. Tomlinson, 391 Fifth ave., New York.

No. 20, J. S. Decker, Ft. Wadsworth, S. I. Meets, Cherokee Club Rooms, 586 Bay st., Stapleton, S. I., on 3d Thursday. Comdr., John Thurman Oates, 6312 Fifth ave., Brooklyn; Adjt., Daniel W. Lynch, 881 Tompkins ave., Rosebank, S. I.; Q. M., Wm. H. Albert, (Master Sergt.), Ft. Wadsworth, S. I.

No. 21, Gen. H. W. Lawton, Brooklyn. Meets, Buffalo Hall, Buffalo ave. and Fulton st., Brooklyn, on 4th Tuesday. Comdr., Thomas F. Hyland, 1401 Herkimer st., Brooklyn; Adjt., Michael Walsh, 1192 Herkimer st.; Q. M., Wm. C. Sheppard, 246 Prospect st., Jamaica, L. I.

No. 22, Brooklyn Camp. Meets, Borough Hall, Room 13, Brooklyn, on 4th Monday. Comdr., Richard A. Boehncke, 62 79th st., Woodhaven, L. I.; Adjt., John F. Schlechter, 97 Nicholas ave., Brooklyn; Q. M., Wm. H. Gundrey, 132 Meserole ave., Brooklyn.

No. 23, General Funston, New York city. Meets, Amsterdam Inn., 155th st. and Amsterdam ave., on 2d Friday. Comdr., Wm. B. Kirk, 39 West 67th st., New York; Adjt., Louis Wohlke, 5 West 125th st., New York; Q. M., Thos. A. Barnes, 539 West 156th st., New York.

No. 24, Col. H. W. Hubbell, New York. Meets, Unity Hall, 341 West 47th st., New York, on 3d Saturday. Comdr., Frank J. Costello, 405 West 48th st., New York; Adjt., John O. Richter, Care McMahon, 475 West 57th st., New York; Q. M., Leon Greenbaum, 160 Havemeyer st., Brooklyn.

No. 25, L. Boardman-Smith, Rochester, N. Y. Meets, G. A. R. Hall (Rooms), City Hall, on 1st and 3d Wednesdays. Comdr., Godfrey Ashbaker, 30 Ormond st., Rochester; Adjt., F. J. Boyer, 64 Elba st.; Q. M., Wm. J. Farron, 215 Summit Grove Park.

No. 26, R. C. Anderson, Oswego, N. Y. Meets, State Armory, on 1st and 3d Fridays. Comdr., John J. Haresign, 278 West 7th st., Oswego; Adjt., Daniel J. O'Mara, 18 East 6th st.; Q. M., Frank J. Gill, 65 Ontario st.

No. 27, Wallace F. Randolph, Yonkers, N. Y. Meets, City Hall, on 1st Tuesday. Comdr., Daniel Wolff, 45 Cliff ave., Yonkers; Adjt., Wm. R. Parslow, 56 Hawthorne ave., Yonkers; Q. M., Joseph H. Francis, 52 Ravine ave., Yonkers.

No. 28, Capt. Frank R. Palmer, Albany, N. Y. Meets, County Court House, on 1st and 3d Tuesdays. Comdr., Thomas J. Luddy, 68 Chestnut st.; Adjt., A. R. MacFarland, 53 Alexander st.; Q. M., C. F. Swann, 413 Orange st.

No. 29, Capt. W. S. Overton, Whitestone, N. Y. Meets, Odd Fellows' Hall, on 4th Saturday. Comdr., W. S. Cotter, 17th st., Whitestone, N. Y.; Adjt., V. G. Hammond, 103 Jennings st., Elmhurst, L. I.; Q. M., Jas. A. McCafferty, 62 10th ave., Whitestone, L. I.

No. 31, Griffin Engineers, New York. Meets, 69th Regiment Armory, on 4th Thursday. Comdr. William MacKay, 236 West 13th st., New York; Adjt., Elbert C. Horton, 15 Cooper st., New York; Q. M., Thomas Reagan, 14 Broome st., New York.

No. 33, Liscum-Wheeler, Utica, N. Y. Meets, American Legion Hall, 37 Blandina st., 2d Wednesday. Comdr., Ed. T. Illingsworth, 778 Blandina st., Utica; Adjt., P. F. O'Toole, 1104 Lansing st., Utica; Q. M., C. F. Schmidt, 209 Eagle st., Utica.

No. 34, H. J. Reilly, Brooklyn. Meets, Borough Hall, Room 13, Brooklyn, on 1st Tuesday. Comdr., Peter A. Nealis, 235 Adelphia st., Brooklyn; Adjt., Henry S. Van Buren, 254 Garfield place, Brooklyn; Q. M., William H. Conley, 1828 Catalpa ave., Brooklyn.

No. 36, Defendiam, New York city. Meets, 1st Field Hospital, West 66th st., on 3d Thursday. Comdr., Wm. H. Redicker, 34 Greene ave., Brooklyn; Adjt., Wm. H. W. King, 503 West 138th st., New York; Q. M., F. R. W. Hering, 349 West 28th st., New York.

No. 37, N. W. Crosby, New Rochelle, N. Y. Meets, City Hall, on 2d Wednesday. Comdr., John J. Flanagan, 19 Walnut st., New Rochelle; Adjt., Walton D. Bertine, 13 Monroe st.; Q. M., Dennis F. Hynes, 48 Warren st.

No. 38, Gen. Guy V. Henry, New York. Meets, 69th Regiment Armory, on 1st Thursday. Comdr., John Pentomy, 1534 Second ave., New York; Adjt., T. J. O'Donnell, 316 E. 55th st.; Q. M., John J. McCarthy, County Court House, New York.

No. 39, Major L. B. Lawton, Auburn, N. Y. Meets, State Armory, on 4th Thursday. Comdr., Edgar A. Rose, 261½ Lewis st.; Adjt., J. E. Osterhout, Care Armory; Q. M., William Duckett, Care Armory.

No. 40, E. M. Hoffman, Elmira, N. Y. Meets, State Armory, on 2d and 4th Mondays. Comdr., Chas. E. Courtright, 305½ South ave., Elmira; Adjt., E. E. Daggett, 500 Pine st., Elmira; Q. M., S. O. Smith, 637 Mt. Zoar st.

No. 42, Col. Walter Scott, Oneonta, N. Y. Meets, State Armory, on 2d Friday. Comdr., R. H. Westcott, 35 Spruce st., Oneonta; Adj., F. E. Neal, 49 Spruce st., Oneonta; Q. M., C. L. Hotaling, Main st., Cooperstown, N. Y.

No. 43, Geo. D. Russell, Brooklyn. Meets, 13th Regt. Armory, Sumner and Putnam aves., on 2d Saturday. Comdr., George K. Cox, 165 Broadway, New York; Adj., William Paynter, 634 48th st., Brooklyn; Q. M., Thos S. Woodcock, 526 State st., Brooklyn.

No. 44, Maj. John K. Sague, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Meets, State Armory, on 2d Tuesday. Comdr., Harry H. Brown, Beck place, 51 North Road; Adj., C. H. Malcher, 10 No. White st.; Q. M., H. L. Coxhead, 20 Nixon st.

No. 45, Samuel M. Porter, Jamestown, N. Y. Meets, State Armory, on 4th Monday. Comdr., Lyman M. Bush, American Legion Hdqrs.; Adj., Wm. Isaacson, 151 Barrett ave.; Q. M., Donald S. Brown, Box 614, 44 East 6th st.

No. 46, Sergt. Hamilton Fish, New York. Meets, 127 Columbus ave., New York, on 2d and 4th Fridays. Comdr., Albert Rogers, 255 Eighth ave., New York; Adj., W. F. White, 95 Myrtle ave., Flushing, L. I.; Q. M., A. J. Swenson, 902 Eagle ave., New York.

No. 48, Admiral Sampson, Brooklyn. Meets, Borough Hall, Room 8-A, on 2d and 4th Saturdays. Comdr., Ernest W. Larkin, 1252 Hancock st., Brooklyn; Adj., Thomas Reilly, 239 Fountain ave., Brooklyn; Q. M., John F. Spolders, 571 66th st., Brooklyn.

No. 49, Naval Camp, Brooklyn. Meets, Ace Club House, 183 Clermont ave., on 2d and 4th Fridays. Comdr., F. T. Holmes, 439 East 157th st., New York; Adj., Theo. Meyer, 2366 Putnam ave., Brooklyn; Q. M., M. L. Andress, 1 Slocum st., Evergreen, L. I.

No. 51, Col. J. W. Vrooman, Herkimer, N. Y. Meets, County Bldg., on 2d and 4th Tuesdays. Comdr., Chas. H. Knopka, 304 Bellinger ave., Herkimer; Adj., Chas. Bassett, 236 So. Main st.; Q. M., Henry Voigt, 127 Mohawk st.

No. 52, Franklin C. Warner, Ilion, N. Y. Meets, American Legion Room, Main and Railroad sts., on 1st Tuesday. Comdr., H. P. Hamlin, 28 High st., Ilion; Adj., H. D. Stephens, 137 So. 3d ave.; Q. M., Wm. Spurr, 40 Highland ave.

No. 53, Major Frank Keck, N. Y. Meets, 153 West 125th st., on 3d Friday. Comdr., Albert H. Hoar, 1513 Lexington ave., New York; Adj., Joseph W. Heaney, 52 East 182d st., New York; Q. M., Fred. Bohlig, 319 West 137th st.

No. 56, Louis W. Carlisle, Watertown, N. Y. Meets, 175 Amesal st., on 3d Wednesday. Comdr., Fred. H. Gould, Care City Post Office, Supt. of Mails; Adj., John Camdan, Care City Post Office, Supt. of Mails.; Q. M., B. H. Thomas, 510 Lenan st.

No. 58, Saratoga, Saratoga Springs, N. Y. Meets, G. A. R. Hall, on 2d Monday. Comdr., Edgar H. Spaulding, Box 84, Saratoga Springs; Adj., James J. McCann, 4 No. Circular st.; Q. M., Harry S. Fosmire, Care Post Office.

No. 59, David Wilson, New York city. Meets, K. of C. Hall, 2506 Webster ave., Bronx, on 1st and 3d Wednesdays. Comdr.,

Geo. H. Stelljes, 469 East 146th st.; Adjt., W. T. Nunemacher, 282 St. Ann's ave., New York. Q. M., Fred Schroeder, 716 Fairmont place, Bronx.

No. 60, Capt. A. K. Capron, Olean, N. Y. Meets, State Armory, on 1st Friday. Comdr., Frederick C. Aschenbach, 609 W. Henley st., Olean; Adjt., G. C. Smith, 817 Bishop st.; Q. M., H. C. Perkins, State Armory.

No. 61, Hugo E. Kruse, Corona, L. I. Meets. Comdr.; Adjt.; Q. M.

No. 62, William McKinley, Brooklyn. Meets, 548 Franklin ave., Brooklyn, on 4th Saturday. Comdr., William Asch, 26 St. Charles place, Brooklyn; Adjt., Robt. T. Rassmussen, 1028 Bergen st., Brooklyn; Q. M., Louis E. Comstock, 549 Monroe st., Brooklyn.

No. 66, Capt. Geo. H. Tilly, Jamaica, L. I. Meets, Town Hall, Room 2, Jamaica, L. I., on 1st and 3d Wednesdays. Comdr., William Sachs, 2302 Catalpa ave., Ridgewood, Brooklyn; Adjt., John M. Drummond, 1815 George st., Ridgewood, Brooklyn; Q. M., Charles Hoell, 1402 Jefferson ave., Brooklyn.

No. 69, Admiral Cook, Haverstraw, N. Y. Meets, G. A. R. Hall, Fourth st., on 2d Saturday. Comdr., Nicholas Erickson, Iona Island, N. Y.; Adjt., A. J. Jackmunsen, 8 Gurnee ave., Haverstraw, N. Y.; Q. M., Alvin Hellstrem, 289 West Side ave., Haverstraw, N. Y.

No. 71, Hudson Camp, Hudson, N. Y. Meets. State Armory, on 4th Monday. Comdr., Louis H. Payne, Hudson, N. Y.; Adjt., Augustus L. Hardwick, Hudson, N. Y.; Q. M., Frank S. Clapper, Hudson, N. Y.

No. 73, Thomas H. Barry, Brooklyn. Meets, Lorenzen's Casino, Fourth ave. and 101st st., on 1st and 3d Wednesdays. Comdr., Chas. J. Edwards, 141 Gelston ave., Brooklyn; Adjt., Geo. W. Preece, 443 54th st., Brooklyn; Q. M., R. S. Newton, 56 Bradford st., Brooklyn.

No. 74, D. J. Johnston, Cohoes, N. Y. Meets, G. A. R. Hall, on 4th Wednesday. Comdr., F. D. Phillips, 4 King st.; Adjt., Geo. W. Andrews. City Hall; Q. M., William Ross, 340 Saratoga st.

No. 75, Colonial, Kingston, N. Y. Meets, State Armory, on 1st Thursday. Comdr., Edward D. Fitzgerald, State Armory; Adjt., Saml. J. Messinger, 458 Broadway, Kingston; Q. M., Geo. A. Winter, 55 Johnson ave., Kingston.

No. 78, Hudson B. Moore, Newburgh, N. Y. Meets, S. W. V. Hall, Academy of Music, Broadway, on 1st and 3d Thursdays. Comdr., Abram D. Eckert, 53 Lander st.; Adjt., Art. A. P. Rich, 86 Broadway; Q. M., A. V. Burton, 36 Concord st.

No. 79, Thomas C. Fitzgerald, White Plains, N. Y. Meets. Comdr., Adjt.; Q. M.

No. 80, Capt. Malcolm A. Rafferty, Long Island City, N. Y. Meets, Queens County Court House, on 3d Thursday. Comdr., Chas. W. Mason, 289 Ninth ave., Brooklyn; Adjt., Fred C. Kouril, 6 Stryker ave., Woodside, L. I.; Q. M., John Laya, 90 Boulevard, L. I. City.

No. 83, Lockport Camp, Lockport, N. Y. Meets, Hall, at 97 Main st., on 1st and 3d Thursdays. Comdr., Alfred C. Hawkes, 241 Chestnut st.; Adjt., Walter K. Bescue, 32 Carlton place; Q. M., Phillip Russell, 160 Gooding st.

No. 84, Maj.-Gen. Geo. F. Elliott, Brooklyn. Meets, 165 Waverly ave., on 1st Wednesday. Comdr., A. H. Lages, 157 West 106th st., New York city; Adjt., James Ayling, 442 40th st., Brooklyn; Q. M., John Lawler, 64 Clinton ave., Brooklyn.

No. 85, West Point, N. Y. Meets, at Engineers' Gymnasium, on 4th Thursday. Comdr., Sergt. Andrew Rheude, West Point, N. Y.; Adjt., Sergt. William H. Schneider, West Point; Q. M., Andrew Rheude, West Point.

No. 86, Col. John G. Butler, Syracuse, N. Y. Meets, Smith's Hall, So. State st., on 1st and 3d Wednesdays. Comdr., H. P. Wellman, 311 Hoefler st.; Adjt., Herbert G. Long, 334 Hoefler st.; Q. M., Chas. A. E. Sellwood, 908 Madison st.

No. 87, Foreign Service, New York city. Meets, Horton's Hall, 110 East 125th st., on 2d and 4th Tuesdays. Comdr., Wm. A. Gardner, 203 West 112th st.; Adjt., C. B. Harper, 115 East 92d st., New York; Q. M., John H. Temme, 229 Willis ave., Bronx.

No. 90, Admiral Wm. P. Potter, Whitehall, N. Y. Meets, State Armory, on 1st Thursday. Comdr., Preston L. King, State Armory; Adjt., H. S. Douglas, Whitehall, N. Y.; Q. M., A. D. Bartholomen, Whitehall, N. Y.

No. 91, Abraham Lincoln, New York. Meets 1st Field Arty., 68th st. and Broadway, on 1st and 3d Tuesdays. Comdr., John J. Falls, 1582 DeKalb ave., Brooklyn. Adjt., D. M. Lynx, 397 East 52d st., New York; Q. M., Hugh J. Joyce, 1927 Benedict ave., Bronx.

No. 93, Sixty-ninth Regiment, N. Y. Meets, 69th Regiment, on 1st Friday. Comdr., Andrew Byrne, 302 Broadway, New York; Adjt., J. J. Enright, 368 West 29th st.; Q. M., M. J. Vaughan, 11 Snyder ave., Brooklyn.

No. 94, Gen. Stephen Moffit, Plattsburg, N. Y. Meets, Fire Station, Court st., on 2d and 4th Wednesdays. Comdr., J. Barnes, 18 U. S. ave.; Adjt., H. P. Mullarky, 119 Cornelia st.; Q. M., E. F. Joyce, 53 Couch st.

No. 96, Capt. M. W. Marvin, Walton, N. Y. Meets, State Armory, Stockton ave., on 2d Wednesday. Comdr., A. E. Oothoudt, State Armory; Adjt., Vincent White, 133 Townsend st.; Q. M., Herbert J. Rogers, 121½ Griswold st.

No. 98, Col. John J. Astor, N. Y. C. Meets, St. Paul's Parish House, 29 Vesey st., on 3rd Saturday. Comdr. John H. Desmond, 196 Kent st., Brooklyn; Adjt., P. A. Garrahy, 315 West 120th st., New York City; Q. M. William Clooney, 426 East 149th st., New York City.

No. 99, Col. A. L. Kline, Brooklyn. Meets, 801 Dean st., Brooklyn, on 3rd Friday. Comdr., Frank L. Foulon, 944 Fulton st., Brooklyn; Adjt., John Geary, 378 Lafayette ave., Brooklyn, Q. M., William Campbell, 581 DeKalb ave., Brooklyn.

No. 100, Col. Garland N. Whistler, Fort Totten, N. Y. Meets on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. Comdr. Albert Wilson, Ft. Totten, N. Y.; Adjt., Emil Feigenbaum, Ft. Totten, N. Y.; Q. M., James A. Warwick, Ft. Totten, N. Y.

No. 103, Milton R. Wheeler, Bath, N. Y., Soldiers' Home, meets on 3rd Friday. Comdr., Gustave Beerwald; Adjt., James F. Reilly; Q. M., Michael O'Rourke.

No. 104, Col. J. W. Husted, Peekskill, N. Y. Comdr., Adjt., Q. M.

No. 105, Geo. W. Ray, Norwich, N. Y. Meets, City Hall, on 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Comdr., Warren D. Wilson, 6 Hayward ave.; Adjt., Howard Phillips, 15 Hayward ave.; Q. M., Wm. J. Doyle, 105 Pleasant st.

No. 106, Sergt. Albert R. Smith, Tonawanda, N. Y. Meets, State Armory, Delaware st., on 1st Thursday. Comdr. G. F. Smith, 126 Christiana st., North Tonawanda, N. Y.; Adjt., Alex. C. Teck, 5 Milton st., Tonawanda, N. Y.; Q. M., J. L. Nice, 6 Adam st., Tonawanda, N. Y.

No. 107, Lake Shore, Dunkirk, N. Y. Meets, Chamber of Commerce, on 1st Wednesday. Comdr., C. R. Hubbard, 134 Central ave., Dunkirk; Adjt., Frank L. Frost, 432 Robin st., Dunkirk; Q. M., Henry Fick, 227 King st., Dunkirk.

BULLETINS OF UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 1

(Series 1920-1921.)

1. Having been duly elected and installed as Commander of the Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, at the 17th Department Encampment, held at Binghamton, N. Y., July 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 1920.

I hereby assume command.

Headquarters

2. Headquarters having been established at the rooms of Marcus D. Russell Camp No. 2, of the U. S. W. V., No. 275 River Street, Troy, N. Y., Friday night of each week will be designated as Department night.

Branch Headquarters will be continued at Room No. 7, City Hall, New York City.

Department Officers

3. The following officers were also elected at the 17th Annual Encampment, to serve for the ensuing year:

Department Senior Vice-Commander, Leonard S. Spire, Camp 15, Buffalo.

Department Junior Vice-Commander, Frank W. Wood, Camp 3, Binghamton.

Delegates-at-Large

William F. Leuper, Camp 36, New York.
George Hussong, Camp 11, Schenectady.
William J. Toomey, Camp 105, Norwich.
Patrick J. Garrahy, Camp 98, New York.

Alternates

H. Tomlinson, Camp 66, Jamaica.
Irving Coon, Camp 89, New York.
Charles W. Enderle, Camp 4, Brooklyn.
Charles E. Cortwright, Camp 40, Elmira.

Appointments

4. The following appointments are hereby announced:

Chief of Staff, Charles J. Brakas, No. 337 Central Avenue, Brooklyn.

Special Aid De Camp, attached to Headquarters, Thomas J. Bourke, No. 2, Troy.

Department Adjutant, James J. O'Connor, No. 2, address, No. 23 King St., Troy.

Department Quartermaster, Joseph F. Tinney, No. 2, address, No. 23 King St., Troy.

Department Chaplain, Right Rev. Monsignor John P. Chidwick, No. 5, Brooklyn.

Department Judge Advocate, F. W. Cristman, No. 51, Herkimer.

Department Patriotic Instructor, William S. Fredenrich, No. 28, Albany.

Department Surgeon, Dr. George A. Smith, No. 2, Troy.

Department Marshal, Daniel J. Cullinane, No. 46, New York.

Department Inspector, Peter J. Nealis, No. 34, Brooklyn.

Department Historian, Charles A. Stromdahl, No. 45, Jamestown.

Assistant Department Adjutant, Arthur J. Connolly, No. 1, in charge of Branch Headquarters, address, No. 1240 Third Avenue, New York.

Assistant Department Adjutant, John Monstko, No. 11, Schenectady.

Assistant Department Quartermaster, Fred Schroeder, No. 59, Branch Headquarters, New York.

Assistant Department Quartermaster, Edgar H. Spaulding, No. 58, Saratoga.

Special Transportation Aide, William C. Snyder, No. 53, address, 103 West 127th Street, New York.

Department Musician, Bert Tillotson, No. 2, Troy.

Senior Department Color Sergeant, Nelson L. Hare, No. 2, Troy.

Junior Department Color Sergeant, Thomas A. Voit, No. 2, Troy.

Chairman of the Legislative Committee, John J. Fitzpatrick, No. 28, Albany.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Personal

5. Department Commander desires the united support of all comrades of the department, in order that the affairs of the organization can be carried out in a most satisfactory manner and in keeping with the preceding administration.

Correspondence

6. All communications, except requisitions for supplies, must be forwarded to the Department Adjutant, James J. O'Connor.

Correspondence pertaining to requisitions for supplies, accompanied by cash, must be sent to Assistant Department Adjutant Arthur J. Connolly, New York.

Money orders, checks and drafts should be made payable to "United Spanish War Veterans, Department of New York."

Headquarters will be open for the disposition of Department Business on Friday evenings from 8 to 10 o'clock.

Communications of a personal nature may be forwarded to Department Commander, No. 23 King Street, Troy.

Aides de Camp

7. Camp Commanders are hereby directed to send to headquarters the name of a comrade, together with his address, to serve on the staff of the Department Commander.

It is anticipated that only the most faithful and zealous comrades will be chosen.

Legislation

8. As this year's work will be a matter of legislation, Camp Commanders are requested to instruct their Adjutants to forward to the Department Commander the name and address of a most active comrade. If possible, one employed in a Civil Service position to be named on the Legislative Committee, which will be in my estimation the most important committee in the administration's year. I am also interested in a very efficient extension of the order committee and ask of them for the names of comrades to be sent to me to serve upon that committee.

Per Capita Tax

9. Camps failing to send in semi-annual reports and per capita tax are requested to do so at once, as this will avoid suspension.

Financial Report

Paragraph R. & R.

Troy, N. Y., July 31, 1920.

Received from Thomas S. Gannon, Past Department Commander,

The sum of \$561.25.

JAMES J. O'CONNOR,

Department Adjutant.

Troy, N. Y., July 31, 1920.

Received from James J. O'Connor, Department Adjutant.

By cash, \$561.25.

JOSEPH F. TINNEY,
Department Quartermaster.

Troy, N. Y., July 31, 1920.

1920		
July 31.	Balance Cash on Hand.....	\$561 25
July 31.	Expenses (nothing.)	
1920		
July 31.	Cash Balance	\$561 25

JOSEPH F. TINNEY,
Department Quartermaster.

Telegram of Sympathy

July 27, 1920.

11. Sent to Father Kelley, an honorary member of Marcus D. Russell Camp No. 2, U. S. W. V.

Troy, N. Y., July 27, 1920.

Rev. Francis A. Kelley, National Chaplain American Legion, St. Mary's Infirmary, St. Louis, Mo.:

It was with deep regret that I read of your misfortune yesterday morning and trust that the report that you are out of danger is correct, and on behalf of the United Spanish War Veterans, Department of New York, pray that through the will of the Almighty God you say continue to mend and be spared to work on in the noble cause you have championed for your God and comrades.

WILLIAM LANAGAN,
Department Commander of New York.

Testimonial Dinner

As a mark of appreciation for services well rendered the United Spanish War Veterans' organization, Commander-in-Chief Williams Jones of New York City will be given a fitting testimonial dinner on Wednesday evening, September 8, at the Hotel Astor, New York City. Commander Ben Rosenberg of the David Wilson Camp No. 59, of New York City, is general chairman of the committee conducting the event, Captain Jaffray Peterson of the U. S. A. is in charge of the Dinner Committee. Announcement has been made that elaborate and extensive plans have been perfected to make the affair a grand success. A large assembly on the occasion means a distinct honor to our worthy and Deserving Chieftain, whose effective work through his tireless and unceasing labors, has resulted in many noble achievements, which to-day has proven beneficial to a vast multitude of the comrades of our beloved order. This is an opportune time for expressions of appreciation, and no better method can be found to pay the obligation which we owe to

our Commander-in-Chief than by attending this demonstration in his honor.

Department Commander heartily endorses this recommendation and appeals to the comrades of the Department, urging them all to attend this honor event.

Assessment will be \$4.00 per plate, and the different comrades who have ordered tickets are requested to communicate with the chairman, confirming their order for reservations made at Binghamton.

Department Commander and Comrades from Headquarters will leave Troy, at 2:00 o'clock P. M., by train on the day of the dinner.

National Encampment

13. The National Encampment will be held in the city of St. Louis, Mo., September 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th, 1920. As this will be one of the most important National Encampments in the organization's history, the Department Commander urgently desires all comrades, regardless of whether they are delegates or not, who can possibly attend, to do so.

Taps

14. Comrade Peter McGough, Griffin Camp No. 11, Schenectady, died January 27, 1920; buried with full military honors at St. John's Cemetery, Schenectady, N. Y.

Comrade George Montgomery, Gloucester Camp No. 5, Brooklyn, died at Newark, N. J., February 12, 1920. Served in U. S. Navy during Spanish War; buried February 14, 1920, with full military honors at Holy Cross Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Comrade John Monahan, Griffin Camp No. 11, Schenectady, died April 24, 1920; buried with full military honors at St. Paul's Cemetery, Oswego, N. Y.

Comrade T. F. Keating, Manhattan Camp No. 1, New York City, died at Unionport, May 30, 1920; buried June 3, 1920, with full military honors, at New York City.

Comrade Frank M. Goodwin, Whistler Camp No. 100, Fort Totten, late of the Quartermaster Detachment, died June 16, 1920; buried June 19, 1920, with full military honors, at Cypress Cemetery, New York.

Comrade James L. Walsh, Admiral Cook Camp No. 69, Haverstraw, died June 18, 1920; buried June 21, 1920, with full military honors at Holy Cross Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Comrade Joseph M. Ziegler, Rafferty Camp No. 80, Long Island City, late First Sergeant, Co. B, Ninth U. S. Infantry, died June 24, 1920; buried June 27, 1920, with full military honors at Lutheran Cemetery, Long Island City, N. Y.

Comrade A. Anderson, Cook Camp No. 69, Haverstraw; late U. S. Navy, retired; died at Newburgh, June 26, 1920; buried June 28, 1920, with full military honors, at Woodlawn Cemetery, Newburgh, N. Y.

Comrade Bernhard Hilbrecht, Seyburn-Liscum Camp No. 12, Buffalo; late Electrician, U. S. S. Cincinnati; died June 28, 1920; buried July 1, 1920, with full military honors, at Buffalo Cemetery, Pine Hill, N. Y.

Shipmate Thomas J. Meadow, Admiral Schley Squadron No. 16, Brooklyn; died at Naval Hospital, Brooklyn, June 29, 1920; buried July 2, 1920, with full military honors by Schley Squadron, National Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Comrade Thomas J. McGreal, Hubbell Camp No. 4, Brooklyn; late Apothecary, U. S. S. Jason; died July 1, 1920, buried July 3, 1920, with full military honors, at National Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Comrade Richard G. Seeley, Seyburn-Liscum Camp No. 12, Buffalo; late Private, Co. G, 202nd N. Y. Volunteer Infantry; died July 30, 1920; buried with full military honors, Buffalo, N. Y.

The sympathy of Headquarters is extended to the families of departed comrades and to the camps to which they were lately joined.

By order of
WM. LANIGAN,
Department Commander.

Official,
JAS. J. O'CONNOR,
Department Adjutant.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 2.
(Series 1920-1921.)

September 16, 1920.

Designations

1. National Headquarters have announced the following selections:

National Aides

Comrade John G. Smyth, Camp No. 2.

Comrade William Ross, Camp No. 74

Comrade A. W. Bement, Camp No. 90.

Comrade Stephen H. Brayton, Camp No. 33.

Credentials Committee

Adjutant General P. Samuel Rigney, Camp No. 4.

Quartermaster General James S. Long, Camp No. 5.

Senior Color Sergeant

Comrade Louis Winsemann, Bronx, New York City.

Organization

2. In order to equalize the work which confronts the Advisory Committee and at the same time stimulate a more active interest in the affairs of the various camps throughout the Department, the Department Commander has created an additional district with the object in view of keeping in close touch with the numerous local organizations situated in the different parts of the state for the purpose of insuring prompt attention as to their needs and

promoting the welfare of all through concerted effort. To increase in membership and cause harmony to prevail in the ranks at all times.

The districts established follow:

First District

Commander-in-Chief William Jones,
of New York City

Manhattan Camp No. 1, New York City.
Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10, Bronx, N. Y.
William R. Garner Camp No. 8, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
Old Guard Camp No. 19, New York City.
Joseph S. Decker Camp No. 20, Staten Island.
Gen. Funston Camp No. 23, New York City.
Col. Henry Hubbell Camp No. 24, New York City.
Wallace F. Randolph Camp No. 27, Yonkers, N. Y.
Griffin Engineers Camp No. 31, New York City.
Defendam Camp No. 36, New York City.
Norman W. Crosby Camp No. 37, New Rochelle, N. Y.
Gen. Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38, New York City.
Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Naval Camp No. 49, New York City.
Major Frank Keck Camp No. 53, Bronx, N. Y.
David Wilson Camp No. 59, New York City.
Foreign Service Camp No. 87, New York City.
Abraham Lincoln Camp, No. 91, New York City.
69th Regiment Camp No. 93, New York City.
Van Vliet Camp No. 102, Ft. Slocum, N. Y.
Thomas H. Fitzgerald Camp No. 79, White Plains, N. Y.

Second District

Past Department Commander Thomas F. Gannon,
of Brooklyn, N. Y.

William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5, Brooklyn, N. Y.
14th Regiment Camp No. 14, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Admiral Schley Naval Squadron Camp No. 16, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Admiral Philip Camp No. 18, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Gen. Henry W. Lawton Camp No. 21, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Brooklyn Camp No. 22.
Capt. W. S. Overton Camp No. 29, Whitestone, N. Y.
Neptune Naval Camp No. 30, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Henry J. Reilly Camp No. 34, Brooklyn, N. Y.
George D. Russell Camp No. 43, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Admiral Sampson Camp No. 48, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Hugo E. Kruse Camp No. 61, Corona, N. Y.
William McKinley Camp No. 62, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Capt. George H. Tilley Camp No. 66, Jamaica, N. Y.
Admiral Cook Camp No. 69, Haverstraw, N. Y.
Maj. Thomas H. Barry Camp No. 73, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Capt. Malcolm A. Rafferty Camp No. 80, Long Island City, N. Y.
Maj. Gen. George F. Elliott Camp No. 84, New York City.
Col. John Jacob Astor Camp No. 98, New York City.
Col. A. L. Kline Camp No. 99, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Col. Garland N. Whistler Camp No. 100, Fort Totten, N. Y.

Third District

Past Department Commander Archibald R. MacFarland,
of Albany, N. Y.
Marcus D. Russell Camp No. 2, Troy, N. Y.
Hon. Stephen Sanford Camp No. 6, Amsterdam, N. Y.
Warren A. Wilson Camp No. 9, Glens Falls, N. Y.
Gen. Eugene Griffith Camp No. 11, Schenectady, N. Y.
Capt. Frank R. Palmer Camp No. 28, Albany, N. Y.
Liscum-Wheeler Camp No. 33, Utica, N. Y.
Maj. John J. Sague Camp No. 44, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Col. John W. Vrooman Camp No. 51, Herkimer, N. Y.
Franklin C. Warner Camp No. 52, Ilion, N. Y.
Saratoga Camp No. 58, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.
Hudson Camp No. 71, Hudson, N. Y.
David J. Johnston Camp No. 74, Cohoes, N. Y.
Colonial Camp No. 75, Kingston, N. Y.
Hudson B. Moore Camp No. 78, Newburgh, N. Y.
West Point Camp No. 85, West Point, N. Y.
Admiral William P. Potter Camp No. 90, Whitehall, N. Y.
Gen. Stephen Moffit Camp No. 94, Plattsburg, N. Y.
Col. Charles W. Williams Camp No. 101, Highland Falls, N. Y.

Fourth District

Senior Vice Department Commander Leonard S. Spire,
of Buffalo, N. Y.
Niagara Falls Camp No. 7, Niagara Falls, N. Y.
Seyburn Liscum Camp No. 12, Buffalo, N. Y.
Bucky O'Neil Camp No. 15, Buffalo, N. Y.
Maj.-Gen. R. P. Hughes Camp No. 17, Buffalo, N. Y.
L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25, Rochester, N. Y.
Lockport Camp No. 83, Lockport, N. Y.
Samuel M. Porter Camp No. 45, Jamestown, N. Y.
Capt. Allyn K. Capron Camp No. 60, Olean, N. Y.
Sergeant Albert R. Smith Camp No. 106, Tonawanda, N. Y.

Fifth District

Junior Vice Department Commander Frank W. Wood,
of Binghamton, N. Y.
Thomas H. Barber Camp No. 3, Binghamton, N. Y.
Robert C. Anderson Camp No. 6, Oswego, N. Y.
Maj. Louis B. Lawton Camp No. 39, Auburn, N. Y.
E. M. Hoffman Camp No. 40, Elmira, N. Y.
Col. Walter Scott Camp No. 42, Oneonta, N. Y.

Joseph J. Tully Camp No. 72, Corning, N. Y.
Col. John G. Butler Camp No. 86, Syracuse, N. Y.
Capt. M. W. Marvin Camp No. 96, Walton, N. Y.
Milton R. Wheeler Camp No. 103, Bath, N. Y.
Louis W. Carlisle Camp No. 56, Watertown, N. Y.
George W. Ray Camp No. 105, Norwich, N. Y.

Addresses

3. Department Officers including Aides and Legislative Committees and Past Department Commanders are urged to send their home addresses in order to complete mailing list of Department Adjutant.

Communications

All correspondence excepting requisitions for supplies should be sent direct to the Department Adjutant, James J. O'Connor, No. 23 King Street, Troy, N. Y.

By following these instructions all communications can receive prompt attention and quick responses can be obtained.

Per Capita Tax

4. Camps having failed to send in their semi-annual reports and per capita tax are urged to give these matters immediate attention and avoid the unpleasantness which will follow through neglect, and do not permit the new administration to be charged up as weakening the Order by making application for exactness caused by delinquent camps.

Concurrent Resolution

5. Whereas a concurrent resolution of the Senate and Assembly of the State of New York, proposing an amendment to the New York State Constitution giving preference in employment and promotion to Soldiers, Sailors and Marine War Veterans, was enacted at the Legislative Session of 1919; and,

Whereas, the said resolution in accordance with the provisions of the State Constitution must be referred to the Legislature in 1921, the members of which will be chosen at the coming fall elections.

Wherefore, it be resolved; that this County Convention in Session assembled do hereby heartily endorse the said concurrent resolution and pledge it our unanimous support.

Resolved: That a committee of ten be appointed to interview the candidates for members of the Assembly and State Senate from County and pledge them if elected to support this remedial legislation at the next session of the Legislature, and be it further,

Resolved: That the delegates from this County to the State Convention of the American Legion to be held at Albany, New York, on September 10th and 11th, be instructed to present and support thereat, similar resolutions.

The above resolution was approved with favor in Albany and Rensselaer Counties and Bronx, New York City.

All Camps of the Department should adopt similar resolutions

and enlist the hearty co-operation of the American Legion Posts in their communities to act likewise upon this most important legislative measure.

Official Guest

6. Commander-in-Chief William Jones of New York City was the guest of Department Commander William Lanigan, Saturday, August 21. On Sunday afternoon, August 22, the National Chief Jones paid an official visit to Camp Russell and was an honor guest at a reception and outing given by Marcus D. Russell Camp and Marcus D. Russell Ladies' Auxiliary. Past Department Judge Advocate Calvin S. McChesney presided at post prandial exercises. Addresses were made by Commander-in-Chief William Jones, Department Commander William Lanigan, and Junior Vice Department Commander Frank W. Wood. The event, although inclement weather prevailed, was carried out and was a grand success socially and financially.

Found

7. A sharpshooter's badge has been found and turned into National Headquarters. The same will be restored to the rightful owner providing proper identification accompanies the application.

Formation of Auxiliaries

8. Department Commander most earnestly sanctions any action which might be taken on the part of comrades to institute Ladies' Auxiliaries in localities where none exist. The valuable aid and help given camps through the activities of the Ladies' Organizations deserve unusual attention and are worthy of special mention. Because wherever a live wire Camp is noted you will always find affiliated with it a most active Auxiliary.

Roosevelt Day

9. Department Patriotic Instructor William S. Fredenrich, of Albany, is perfecting plans for appropriate exercises to be held by the Camps of the Department.

In commemoration of the Sixty-second Anniversary of the birth of our late distinguished Comrade and President, Theodore Roosevelt, born October 27, 1858.

Financial Report

Receipts

Cash on hand July 31, 1920.....	\$561 25
Cash from Pierce Administration.....	1 98
Cash from Pierce Administration.....	1 17
Cash from Camp 79, Reinstatement.....	25 00
Cash from Camp 106, Charter.....	10 00
Cash from Supplies.....	1 75
Cash from Per Capita Tax, Camp 27.....	10 25
Cash from Per Capita Tax, Camp 39.....	8 26
Cash from Per Capita Tax, Camp 40.....	6 00

Cash from Per Capita Tax, Camp 52.....	5 00	
Cash from Per Capital Tax, Camp 56.....	12 00	
Total		\$642 66

Disbursements

Supplies	\$69 38	
Reinstatement Camp 79.....	5 00	
Charter Camp 106.....	5 00	
J. W. Byrne, Printing.....	12 50	
Traveling Expense.....	25 00	
Per Capita Tax.....	25 75	
Total ..		142 63

Cash on Hand and in Bank..... \$500 03

Taps

10. Past Commander William C. Gertz, Major-Gen. R. P. Hughes Camp No. 17, late member of the U. S. Hospital Corps, died at Buffalo, N. Y., July 24, 1920, buried July 27, 1920, with full military honors at the Buffalo Cemetery, Buffalo, N. Y.

Comrade Nicholas Stocker, Foreign Service Camp No. 87, late Private of Company A, 6th U. S. Infantry, died August 14, 1920, buried August 18, 1920, in Lutheran Cemetery, Brooklyn N. Y., with full military honors.

Headquarters extends sympathy to the bereaved relatives and families and Camps to which the late comrades were affiliated.

By order of

WM. LANIGAN,
Department Commander.

Official,

JAS. J. O'CONNOR,
Department Adjutant.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 3.
(Series 1920-1921.)

Attention

1. It is the earnest desire of the Department Commander that the comrades actively interest themselves in the coming election and every consideration should be shown to the candidates for our State Legislature that have supported our preference measures in the past and those who stand ready to aid us in our present struggles. This is unselfish on the part of many of us, but it will demonstrate that spirit of loyalty which has manifested itself amongst our comrades.

The Referendum on Bonuses for the Veterans of the World War is another matter that should be given your most careful attention on Election Day. You and your family and friends will be given the privilege to vote for or against this important bill, which in the mind of the Department Commander is fair and just for us to show our spirit of loyalty to our younger comrades by assisting

them in every conceivable manner that is consistent and just. So kindly instruct your family and friends who are voters to rally with united effort in support of this worthy cause and vote yes on Proposition No. 1, chapter 872.

Americanism

2. The Department Commander appeals for one hundred volunteers to aid in the work of raising the required funds, amounting to \$500, for the express purpose of carrying out the work outlined and in compliance with the adoption of a resolution which was presented at the recent encampment held at Binghamton. The resolution, in part, stated that it was deemed wise to erect or install a tablet yearly in the high school of the convention city, creating on the part of the U. S. W. V., a public spirit of patriotism which would tend to cause unusual publicity, redounding to the benefit of our order. Owing to the fact of the general unrest so much in evidence at present, that the first tablet should have the bust of Roosevelt, and also carry a quotation from one of his famous speeches voicing the need of 100 per cent. Americanism as being the ideal to teach the rising generation. The sum desired to meet the expense of the original model would mean a contribution of \$500. Reproductions can be made from the initial model which would necessitate the expenditure of \$150 yearly which can be met by application to the funds of the Department. If one hundred comrades throughout the state will contribute \$5 apiece the sum needed can be realized and the achievement accomplished. Every comrade who contributes to this fund will be marked with appreciation and an acknowledgment of the donations will be published in the General Orders in the order they are received.

Changes of Officers

3. E. H. Liscum — O. Ross Wheeler Camp 33, Comrade P. F. O'Toole, Adjutant Vice-Comrade T. Murray Chase, resigned.

Captain W. S. Overton, Jr. Camp 29, Comrade Virgil G. Hammond, Adjutant, Vice-Comrade James A. McCafferty, resigned.

Joseph S. Decker Camp 20, Comrade William J. Albert, Quartermaster, Comrade Daniel W. Lynch, Adjutant.

Bucky O'Neil Camp 15, Comrade Arthur J. Ransom, Adjutant, 172 Breckenbridge street.

New Camp Quarters

4. Bucky O'Neil Camp 15, Buffalo, meets first and third Fridays, of each month at Auger's Hall, 1438 Fillmore avenue.

Theodore Roosevelt Camp 10, Bronx, New York city. Business session first and third Saturdays of every month, 148th street and Willis avenue.

Information Wanted

5. Any comrade or comrades who served during the war with Spain with any of the following named comrades are requested to immediately communicate with Department Headquarters:

Comrade Gustav Ernest Boelsterli, of Theodore Roosevelt Camp

10, of New York city, who was a member of Company J, 158th Regiment, Indiana Volunteers.

Comrades First Lieutenant Charles E. Scott, and Second Lieutenant Everett E. Newby, who served in Company J, 158th Regiment, Indiana Volunteers.

Comrade Patrick J. Shields of Company F, 7th United States Infantry, during the Cuban campaign.

Application having been made to Headquarters by Mrs. John F. Muller, who claims to be the widow of one John F. Muller, who served during the Spanish-American War in the First Volunteer Engineers. For certain papers alleged to have been in possession of the said John F. Muller. Headquarters is endeavoring to locate some of the members of the 1st U. S. Volunteer Engineers through this publication. Any comrade who can furnish any information pertaining to this matter, kindly inform Department Headquarters.

6. Men of Company F, 8th N. Y. Infantry: Comrades John J. Donnelly, Harry A. Marx, William Ochsen, Theodore Jaffe, Solomon Van Blerken, William E. Laragh, Samuel Wolff, Edmund Briggs, Harry J. Garvin, Thomas L. Doran, John Bombay, David Sackman, Thomas J. Corbally, John Filshie, will learn something of interest if they will correspond with Commander Ben Kosenberg, David Wilson Camp 59. Home address, No. 1563 Hoe avenue, Bronx, New York city.

7. *Monthly Financial Report*

Cash on hand August 31, 1920..... \$500 03

Disbursements:

Telephone and Telegraph.....	\$8 50	
Postage	12 00	
Traveling expenses to St. Louis.....	100 00	
Traveling expenses to Binghamton.....	9 75	
Traveling expenses to New York.....	11 75	
Traveling expenses, Troy to New York.....	4 82	
Meals for day.....	4 18	
Miscellaneous	10 00	
		161 00

Balance cash on hand September 30, 1920..... \$339 03

Taps

8. The Department with deep expressions of sorrow announces the mustering out of the following named comrades:

Comrade William F. Wheelock, Captain Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp 28, Albany, N. Y., late Major of the Battalion of the 10th Infantry, N. Y. Guard in Albany and a charter member of this Camp. He served during the Spanish War with the First N. Y. Volunteers and also during the World War as a Lieutenant of the Quartermaster Corps. Died July 2, 1920, buried July 5, 1920, by Captain Frank R. Palmer Camp, with full military honors, in the Rural Cemetery at Albany, N. Y.

Comrade Charles F. Howell, Wallace F. Randolph Camp 27, Yonkers, N. Y. Late Private, Company E, 8th N. Y. Volunteers. Died August 4, 1920, buried August 6, 1920, at Oakland Cemetery, Yonkers, N. Y., by Wallace F. Randolph Camp, with full military honors.

Comrade B. Greenbaum, Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp 46, New York city. Late Private, 8th N. Y. Volunteer Infantry. Died September 7, 1920, buried September 10, 1920, with full military honors, at Mt. Zion Cemetery, Long Island, N. Y.

Comrade Thomas Engstrom, Norman L. Crosby Camp 37, New Rochelle, N. Y. Late Comrade was a member of the crew of the U. S. Transport Sheridan during the war with Spain. Died September 7, 1920, buried September 10, 1920, by Norman W. Crosby Camp, with full military honors, at Beechwoods Cemetery, New Rochelle, N. Y.

Comrade William Knoeppel, Manhattan Camp 1, New York city. Late Ordinary Seaman, U. S. S. Iowa. Died September 22, 1920, buried September 25, 1920, at Woodlawn Cemetery, by Manhattan Camp, with full military honors.

The sympathy of these Headquarters is conveyed to the Camps to which the comrades were lately assigned and to the members of their bereaved families.

Condolence

9. Department Commander announces with much regret that grim reaper, death, has visited the home of the Past Department Commander Thomas F. Gannon, of Brooklyn, N. Y., on Tuesday, September 21, 1920, and removed from the family circle, his beloved mother, Mrs. Peter Gannon. The Department extends its sympathy to him in his affliction, though fortunately for him, his mother lived to guide the footsteps of him till manhood years crowned his intellect with judgment and fixed moral principles. It can be truly said that in the training of her family, in the church, in the social circle, she always did her duty nobly and was a shining light in society. Ripened in years, and fully prepared for another state of existence, she passes on now to enjoy the reward of a life well spent on earth. Restored in maidenhood prime, we cannot doubt that in the flowery walks of spirit life, she is the same good woman, that we knew so well here.

Department Commander attended the funeral services.

By order of
WILLIAM LANIGAN,
Department Commander.

Official:

JAMES J. O'CONNOR,
Department Adjutant.

November 10, 1920.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 4.
(Series 1920-1921.)

Department Aides

1. The following appointments to serve on the staff of the Department Commander have been approved and are hereby announced:

- Camp 1. Fred Kramer.
- Camp 2. Fred W. Smith.
- Camp 3. A. R. Roberts.
- Camp 15. Joseph L. Wieman.
- Camp 18. W. H. Holmes.
- Camp 25. G. Ashbaker.
- Camp 26. Roland T. Clark.
- Camp 33. James J. Donovan.
- Camp 38. John J. McCarthy.
- Camp 40. F. W. Ross.
- Camp 42. Robert R. Esterbrook.
- Camp 58. Harry S. Fosmire.
- Camp 60. H. C. Perkins.
- Camp 80. Fred. Kouril.
- Camp 85. Albert Blechner.
- Camp 87. James A. Boyd.
- Camp 90. L. O. Wilsey.
- Camp 96. Hector S. Marvin.
- Camp 105. Warren D. Wilson.

Legislative Committee

2. John J. Fitzgerald, Chairman, Captain Frank R. Palmer
Camp No. 28, Albany. Home address, No. 143 Hudson ave.,
Albany, N. Y.

- Camp 1. B. J. Pierce.
- Camp 2. Thomas A. Voit.
- Camp 3. Stephen Barath.
- Camp 18. John H. Neal.
- Camp 26. Francis D. Culkin.
- Camp 33. Wm. A. Foster.
- Camp 38. John E. Reilly.
- Camp 38. Terence J. O'Donnell.
- Camp 40. H. B. Updyke.
- Camp 42. A. B. Webster.
- Camp 58. John H. Broughton.
- Camp 60. George J. Wayne.
- Camp 80. Chas. S. Phillips.
- Camp 85. Andrew Rheude.
- Camp 87. Chas. H. Stearns.
- Camp 90. A. W. Bement.
- Camp 96. J. Harry Sawyer.
- Camp 105. Nelson P. Bonvey.

Comrades designated to represent their respective camps as members of the Legislative Committee are requested to forward their home addresses to John J. Fitzpatrick of Albany, Chairman of the Legislation Committee.

District Chairmen

3. The chairman in charge of the camps located in the various districts throughout the Department are urged to notify Camp Commanders who have no representation on the Department Staff and Legislation Committee to submit names of Comrades as soon as convenient in order that the local organizations are properly represented and that the Department Commander has a full complement of Staff Officers and Committeemen.

Election of Officers

4. The provisions in the Rules and Regulations specify that annual election of officers will be held at the first designated meeting during the month of December. Every possible endeavor should be made to choose comrades for the various offices whose past deeds makes their fitness of qualities an assurance. The commanders-elect should be comrades who are efficient and worthy of the dignified honor bestowed upon them and should valiantly strive to cause their Local Orders to appear in the foremost ranks through the medium of the public press on every occasion possible. By so doing Camps derive a benefit which tends to create a spirit of activity which means success in all endeavors and places the order where it belongs in a position of prominence. An unusual and whole-hearted interest should be taken in the election. A large majority of the Camp's membership should fittingly determine and insure the election of Comrades for the various offices whose worth is not underestimated.

Cancellation of Appeal

5. The appeal published in the preceding bulletin urging contributions for the establishment of a fund to meet the expense incurred through obtaining an original model for the Roosevelt memorial has been cancelled. Past Department Commander Thomas F. Gannon of Brooklyn, Chairman of the Committee having the matter in charge, stated that arrangements have been practically completed to carry on the work without a cent of cost either to the Comrades, Camps and Auxiliaries of the Department of New York. All donations to the cause will be returned to the donors with thanks appreciating their spirit of benevolence. The Department extends to Past Department Commander Gannon its warmest appreciation for the kindness rendered by him and his sterling active qualities which made the undertaking such a successful achievement.

New Ribbon Adopted

6. General Order No. 20, received from Adjutant General Charles W. Berry of the State of New York, states as follows:

1. A new ribbon is hereby adopted for the Spanish-American War Medal issued by the State. The new ribbon will be one and one-half inches wide with colors as follows, in the order named, viz.: 1-16 inch, gold; 3-16 inch, dark blue; 5-16 inch, yellow; 3-8 inch, dark blue, (center); 5-16 inch, yellow; 3-16 inch, dark blue; 1-16 inch, gold; quality, U. S. Government standard, heavy silk.

2. Persons to whom this medal has been issued are hereby authorized to purchase the new ribbon at their own expense and to have same substituted for the ribbon now on the medal in their possession. Persons in the military service entitled to wear the medal are authorized to purchase at their own expense the new service ribbon for same to be worn with the service uniform to indicate that the wearer has been awarded the medal.

Honor Event.

7. Department Commander and Past Commander-in-Chief William Jones of New York city were in attendance at the Testimonial Dinner given at the Hotel Astor, New York city on Monday evening, October 25, 1920. The event was in honor of President General Louise W. Williams of New York city and the hostesses on this occasion were the National Officers of the Ladies Auxiliaries of U. S. W. V.

Inception of Auxiliary

8. Department Commander and Staff Officers, Past Grand Gu Gu Charles M. Robinson of Schenectady, the members of Marcus D. Russell Camp No. 2, and the Marcus D. Russell Ladies' Auxiliary No. 16, of the U. S. W. V., attended the institution of the David J. Johnston Ladies' Auxiliary at the State Armory in Cohoes on Wednesday evening, October 27, 1920.

Fraternal Affairs

9. Department Commander attended the following functions: Wednesday evening, November 5, 1920, Reception of Warren A. Wilson Camp 9, Glens Falls.

Wednesday evening, November 10, 1920, Military Ball, Capt. Frank R. Palmer Camp 28, Albany.

Thursday evening, November 11, 1920, Armistice Day Celebration, Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp 11, Schenectady.

Friday evening, November 12, 1920, Reception Department President Mrs. Laura B. Prisk of New York city, given by Gen'l. J. B. Carr Circle, Ladies of the G. A. R., Troy.

Sunday afternoon, November 14, 1920, Dedication of Memorial to Veterans of the World War at Prospect Park, Troy.

Meeting Nights Changed

10. Colonel Garland N. Whistler Camp 100, Fort Totten, will meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month hereafter.

Changes of Addresses

11. Senior Vice-Department Commander Leonard S. Spire, No. 237 West Utica street, Buffalo.

Adjutant Terence J. O'Donnell, Gen'l. Guy V. Henry Camp 38, No. 216 East 55th street, New York city.

Official Change

12. Comrade James A. Warwick, Quartermaster of Colonel Garland N. Whistler Camp 100, Vice-Comrade Jeremiah A. Meagher, relieved.

Near East Resolution

13. Resolution suggested by Department Commander to be acted upon by the Camps of the Department of New York.

Whereas, Among the people of Armenia and Syria a most desperate situation was brought about by the World War, and continues to exist today; and

Whereas, The Near East Relief was chartered by the United States Congress and organized for the purpose of raising and disbursing funds contributed by the American public, in order to relieve the destitution of these suffering races, and especially to care for the hundreds of thousands of helpless orphan children; and

Whereas, The National Fraternal Congress of America believes that the Brotherhood of Man emphasized in the rituals of all fraternal societies demands that fraternalists everywhere shall support all such worthy objects, and has fully investigated the Near East Relief and its plans and purposes for helping our Near East neighbors in their critical condition; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the National Fraternal Congress of America in annual convention assembled, does hereby endorse the Near East Relief, and recommends that all national, state and local fraternal bodies give a practical expression of their faith in the Brotherhood of Man by bringing before their membership the need of the Near East Relief for liberal support during the coming year, and to that end that they arrange their programs for meetings so as to provide for the presentation of this work by:

1. Providing a place for a Near East speaker at appropriate times.

2. Urging the adoption of an orphan Near East child.

3. Letters from national and state bodies to local organizations recommending their co-operation in the work.

4. Giving all possible publicity to the work in our fraternal papers, and use of their literature.

5. Appointment of state and local committees to join with the Near East Relief in bringing about these recommendations.

Roosevelt Observances

14. The Comrades of William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, U. S. W. V. of Brooklyn, N. Y., paid a fitting tribute to the memory of our late departed Comrade, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt. A pilgrimage was made on Sunday, October 17, to the grave of our great American Comrade in Youngs Cemetery at Oyster Bay. Services

at the hallowed plot were conducted in accordance with the ritual of the U. S. W. V.

The Committee having charge of the affair are commended for their patriotic spirit and advancing the teachings of 100 per cent. Americanism.

Marcus D. Russell Camp No. 2, and Ladies' Auxiliary held joint patriotic exercises in the Troy Central High School, on Thursday evening, October 28, in honor of the sixty-second anniversary of the birth of our late distinguished Comrade, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt. Past Department Judge Advocate Calvin S. McChesney, was Chairman of the gathering. Speakers of the evening include: Department Commander William Lanigan, Department Patriotic Instructor William S. Fredenrich of Albany, Rev. Fathers J. J. McCarthy and Daniel J. Horgan. A program of a most patriotic nature was successfully carried on.

Monthly Financial Statement October 31, 1920

Cash on hand, September 30, 1920.....	\$339 03
Cash, per capita tax, Camp 99.....	10 76
Cash for supplies, Camp 46.....	10 06
Cash for supplies, Camp 40.....	75
Cash for supplies, Camp 59.....	1 50
Cash for supplies, Camp 18.....	1 80
Cash for supplies, Camp 53.....	1 80
Cash for supplies, Camp 21.....	2 00
Cash for supplies, Camp 86.....	9 60
Cash for supplies, Camp 52.....	1 50
Cash for supplies, Camp 25.....	3 00
Cash for supplies, Camp 4.....	18 60
Cash for supplies, Camp 60.....	5 20
Cash for supplies, Camp 106.....	3 35
Cash for supplies, Camp 27.....	17 00
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	\$425 95

Disbursements:

Flowers for P. D. C. Gannon's Mother....	\$15 00
Postage, New York Office.....	10 00
Supplies, Adjutant General	155 12
William Lanigan, to New York City.....	15 00
William Lanigan, to Glens Falls.....	10 00
Telephone and telegrams.....	3 15
Postage and Bulletin	7 25
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	215 52
Balance on October 31, 1920.....	\$210 43

JOSEPH F. TINNEY,
Dept. Quartermaster.

TAPS

16. The Department with much regret announces the passing on of the following Comrades:

Comrade Michael Flynn, Manhattan Camp No. 1, New York city, late Private Co. E, 69th N. Y. Vol. Infantry; died October 8, 1920, and buried with full military honors at St. Raymond's Cemetery, October 11, 1920, Manhattan Camp No. 1.

Comrade John J. O'Brine, General Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38, New York city, late Private Co. C, 26th U. S. Infantry; died October 11, 1920. Buried October 14, 1920, at the National Cemetery, Cypress Hills, with full honors. General Guy V. Henry Camp 38.

Comrade O'Brine served actively in the Philippines.

Comrade Emil Durbeck, Major J. K. Sague Camp No. 44, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Died, 1920, and was buried, 1920, with full military honors by the Comrades of Major J. K. Sague Camp No. 44, at Cemetery, Poughkeepsie.

The sympathy of headquarters is spread out to the families and relatives of the Comrades who have passed on and to the Camps with which they were associated.

By order of

WILLIAM LANIGAN,

Department Commander.

Official:

JAMES J. O'CONNOR,

Department Adjutant.

November 10, 1920.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 5.

(Series 1920-1921.)

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All

1. The year is fast approaching the end and it is expected that the coming of the joyous tidings of the Yuletide, with reflections that are cheering, animating and full of pleasing qualities, referred to humanity at the break of day of the Christian era.

"Peace on earth and good will to all men." Let us aim and regard our duty to those less fortunate than their fellowmen, the widows and orphans and in loving memory of our Comrades who have gone on and entered into the flowery kingdom of spiritual life, awaiting the call of our Supreme Commander to participate in the final review of His Army Grand.

Let good cheer prevail in the ranks of our noble and beloved order at all times and allow the true spirit of comradeship be freely and conspicuously displayed on all occasions. The fraternal gates of our organization should remain open wide to admit those Comrades who have not as yet entered our fold for the purpose of aiding in carrying on the unfinished work of our patriotic body. A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year is the wish

of the Department Commander and Staff to our Comrades of the G. A. R.; the American Legion, to those in the Service, and throughout the Department, who is harmony are working out the preservation of our esteemed Order, and to our patriotic coworkers, the Sisters of our Auxiliaries.

Reports, Per Capita Tax

2. Semi-annual reports of the Adjutant and Quartermaster of every camp for the term ending December 31, 1920, should be transmitted to Department Headquarters as soon as possible.

Per Capita Tax for the term ending December 31, 1920, should accompany these reports. Officers retiring from office are urged to give these reports immediate attention. Delay in the transmission of the reports and tax has very often caused embarrassment on the evening of the installation of Camp Officers. Installing Officers will be issued explicit Instructions not to install unless the camp holds a receipt for all reports and tax that may be due.

Installations

3. Commanders-elect attention is called to Section 9, Article 8, Part 5, page 169, Rules and Regulations, and will promptly transmit to the Department Inspector, Peter A. Nealis, Room 7, City Hall, New York city, name and home address of a Comrade who ranks as a Past Commander or of higher official standing in the organization to act as Installing Officer. The newly elected Commanders are urged to consult their respective executive member of their association who is serving on the Executive Committee in relation to the appointment of a Comrade to serve at the Installation ceremonies. Previous to such action the Comrade chosen to perform this duty should be communicated with and learn if he will accept the assignment. Any Camp which fails to forward its selection for Installing Officer prior to December 31, 1920, will be considered delinquent and the Department Commander will empower a Comrade to act in this capacity and carry on the work as prescribed in this paragraph. All Camp officials, elective and appointive, shall appear at the Installation of Officers and be duly installed as such at the first designated Session during the month of January. The Department Commander urges when opportune joint installations should be held United Spanish War Veteran speakers should take advantage of every opportunity to vigorously attack the doctrines of un-Americanism which is being agitated by undesirables who deserve no consideration from a liberty loving people, and men who have defended the flag for the common cause of humanity and freedom should be first to take up the work. Installation Officers are further urged to open the exercises by having the assemblage reaffirm its allegiance to the flag.

New Administrations

4. Camp Adjutants are instructed to make the necessary provisions for compiling a complete list containing the names and addresses of all newly elected and appointive officers for the ensuing

year. Quick attention must be given to this most important matter and they should be sent to the Headquarters without delay. The Officers' roster of the Department is a valuable asset and serves as a working guide which cannot be dispensed with.

Appreciation

5. Department Commander is much enthused over the successful attainments accomplished by Senior Vice-Department Commander Leonard S. Spire, of Buffalo, Junior Vice-Department Commander Frank W. Wood, of Binghamton, and Chief of Staff Charles J. Brakes, of Brooklyn. The activities of these Comrades are worthy of much note as they are constantly in touch with the Camps in their section through personal visits. The results of their efforts have been crowned with success so far.

New Camps instituted. Inactive ones being reinstated and resuming activities. Membership rolls increasing. Financial conditions gratifying. The spirit of loyalty, patriotism and comradeship is much in evidence, showing clearly that harmony is a prevailing factor in our ranks and the sense of our order is in keeping with the preceding administrative bodies.

Receptions

6. Department Commander attended the Annual Ball of Batangas Lair, M. O. S., which took place on Wednesday evening, November 24, 1920, at the Maennerchor Hall, New York city. The attendance was unusually large and the event was a grand success from all angles. Costumes of participants were attractive and charming. President-General Mrs. Louise W. Williams of the Ladies' Auxiliaries, also was in attendance. Following the social session Supreme Gu Gu William F. Leuper, a companion of the Lair, was remembered in a fitting manner, being presented with a handsome Traveling Bag as a token of friendship from the Snaix of the den of Batangas.

Thursday, November 25, 1920, Department Commander Lanigan, accompanied by Department Quartermaster Joseph F. Tinney and wife, Mrs. Margaret V. Tinney, Past President of the M. D. Russell Ladies' Auxiliary, were the guests of honor of Hudson B. Moore Camp 78 and Ladies' Organization in the U. S. W. V. in the city of Newburgh. A euchre social reception was enjoyed during the afternoon period. At the conclusion of the card playing dancing was indulged in. Following dancing a dinner was served by the Ladies of the Auxiliary. The evening was devoted to a patriotic celebration in honor of our late distinguished Comrade, Col. Theodore Roosevelt, and the Comrades are deserving of much praise for the able and successful manner in which the exercises were conducted. Among the speakers were Assemblyman Brundage of Orange County, State Commander Lanigan and Quartermaster Tinney. Assemblyman Brundage during the course of his remarks commended most highly the attitude of Comrade Lanigan on Socialism and the support given Speaker Sweet of the Assembly

in his determination to eliminate from the halls of the State Legislature those agitators of unrest. He further stated that on both occasions he voted to oust them and will do likewise if afforded another opportunity. He said plainly a man who takes the oath of Socialism is an unfit subject to be a citizen of the United States.

Tuesday evening, November 30, 1920, in response to a personal appeal through Department Junior Vice-President Mrs. Ida Fikes, of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Commander Lanigan attended a joint reception tendered to Department Judge Advocate Franklyn W. Cristman of Herkimer, which occurred at the headquarters of Col. John W. Vrooman Camp 51, and the Ladies' Auxiliary in the County building at Herkimer. The attendance was large and the testimonial given Comrade Cristman was a noteworthy one and deserving of special mention in recognition of his past and present deeds. Brief talks were also given by other Comrades of prominence in the circles of the G. A. R. American Legion and Spanish War, who were present, pertaining to the wars in which they were engaged, displaying with much effectiveness the sense of patriotic devotion and concluding their remarks with words of praise for Comrade Cristman. An appropriate program of music and songs was rendered. A banquet was served and brought the evening's festivities to a close and to be recorded in the history of both organizations a red letter happening.

A special guest of honor who attended was the Hon. James K. O'Connor, Mayor of the city of Utica, and delivered a ringing address on patriotism, denoting that love and devotion should be entertained for the soldiers of all wars. The speech was a masterpiece of eloquence, coupled with inspiration and interrupted frequently with much applause. Although unauthorized prearrangements are under way for the honorable gentleman to deliver an address at the coming Encampment at Utica, the Department Commander assures the Comrades that they have a treat in store for them seldom if ever equaled, as he is a regular Mayor with eight Spanish War Veterans on his payroll in the city of Utica. It can, therefore, be seen that he is earnest and sincere in his words and actions and not one of that class who yells hurrah as the bands are playing and flags flying as the men are marching away. But is one of that type who after twenty-two years' duration still feels the same spirit of loyalty for the men who have served their country regardless of what war they participated in.

Tuesday evening, November 30, 1920, Chief of Staff Charles J. Barkas of Brooklyn, was the official guest of Griffin Engineers Camp 31, of New York city, Comrade Barkas' mission was for the conception of plans to bring about, if possible, the re-entry of those Comrades into the local order who not only left the Camp but have forsaken the organization altogether. It is hoped that he will attain the results desired and the Department will sanction any measures taken that will be productive of success in these trying conditions. It seems strange to consider that Comrades who fought

side by side in a common cause could possibly renounce an organization which was founded and has unceasingly labored for a period of twenty-two years for their interests in promoting their welfare and at the same time extending to them efficient protection. There is no order of veterans of the Spanish war which can in any way compare with the achievements attained through the persevering work performed by the Comrades of the U. S. W. V. We have been unselfish in our efforts when we desired privileges and benefits for men who served during that war, no classification was made and details were not investigated to ascertain whether or not all Comrades receiving such were enrolled in our Order. It makes no difference in our fraternity where the service was rendered as long as the applicant has the prerequisite of a good moral character and an honorable discharge. The Department Commander appeals to all Comrades to rejoin the Camps and assist in the labors yet unfinished which we must carry on.

Monthly Financial Report Ending November 30, 1920

Cash on hand October 31, 1920.....	\$210 43
Cash for Charter, Camp 60.....	10 00
Cash for per capita tax, Camp 6.....	14 26
Cash refund from National Headquarters for error..	11 47
Cash for supplies, Camp 15.....	10 30
Cash for supplies, Camp 20.....	13 20
Cash for supplies, Camp 59.....	9 55
Cash for supplies, Camp 24.....	6 00
Cash for supplies, Camp 12.....	21 00
Cash for supplies, Camp 28.....	26 90
Cash for supplies, Camp 19.....	18 00
Cash for supplies, Camp 19.....	12 00
Cash for supplies, Camp 4.....	2 80
Cash for supplies, Camp 17.....	12 50
Cash for supplies, Camp 17.....	1 25
Cash for supplies, Camp 9.....	3 60
Cash for supplies, Camp 3.....	1 75
Cash for supplies, Camp 34.....	1 15
Cash for supplies, Camp 1.....	25
Cash for supplies, Camp 14.....	5 05
Cash for supplies, Camp 40.....	3 70
Cash for supplies, Camp 91.....	25
Cash for supplies, Camp 62.....	8 50
Cash for supplies, Camp 4.....	11 00
Cash for supplies, Camp 58.....	7 80
Cash for supplies, Camp 3.....	34 10
Cash for supplies, Camp 10.....	5 55
Cash for supplies, Camp 20.....	3 00
Cash for supplies, Camp 28.....	50
Cash for supplies, Camp 53.....	25
Cash for supplies, Camp 46.....	1 50
Cash for supplies, Camp 43.....	75
Cash for supplies, New York Office.....	2 00

Cash for supplies, Camp 18.....	20 85
Cash for supplies, Camp 18, Springfield.....	3 00

Disbursements:		\$494 21
Adjutant General, Charter	\$5 00	
Adjutant General, Supplies	68 25	
Troy Times, printing, 3 months' bulletins and supplies	208 00	
Adjutant General, supplies.....	93 32	
Telephone and telegrams	2 75	
Postage and bulletins	7 00	
Traveling expenses to New York city, New- burgh and Herkimer.....	30 00	
		414 32

Cash on hand November 30, 1920..... \$79 89

JOSEPH F. TINNEY,
Quartermaster.

Department Change

8. Comrade Fred W. Smith of Marcus Russell Camp 2, of Troy, N. Y. Department Marshal Vice-Comrade Daniel J. Cullinane of New York city resigned.

McKinley's Birthday

9. Department Patriotic Instructor William S. Fredenrich, of Albany, urges all Camps to hold patriotic exercises during January in honor of the seventy-eighth anniversary of the birth of President William McKinley, which occurs on Saturday, January 29.

Taps

10. Comrade William A. Fox, Marcus D. Russell Camp 2, Troy; late Private, Co. C, Twenty-first U. S. Infantry, died May 26, 1920; buried May 29, 1920; accorded full military honors by the Comrades of Marcus D. Russell Camp 2. Interment at St. John's Cemetery, Troy, N. Y.

Comrade Fox participated in the Philippine insurrection.

Comrade Walter E. Barron, Marcus D. Russell Camp 2, Troy; late Private Co. D, Eleventh U. S. Infantry, died November 15, 1920; buried November 18, 1920, at St. John's Cemetery, Troy, N. Y., with full military honors, by Marcus D. Russell Camp 2.

Comrade Barron was actively engaged during the Porto Rican campaign.

The compassion of these Headquarters is diffused to the Camps to which the Comrades who have gone beyond were lately attached and to the kin and households made sorrowful through these recent bereavements.

By order of

WILLIAM LANIGAN,

Department Commander.

Official:

JAMES J. O'CONNOR,

Department Adjutant.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 6

(Series 1920-1921.)

The Department Commander announces the following appointments:

Aide-de-Camp

Camp 34, Comrade Hunter U. Light.

Camp 43, Comrade William Wahle.

Committee on Legislation

Camp 49, Comrade C. Holmberg.

Camp 43, Comrade William Wahle.

Adjutant Louis A. Leveille of Captain Frank R. Palmer Camp 28, Albany, has been added to the Legislative Committee and will serve as Secretary of the Department Committee on Legislation.

Official Department Inspection

1. The Official Department Inspection must be made annually in April or May.

2. District Inspectors should communicate with the Commanders of the Camps in their districts, without delay, and arrange for dates for the inspection, such dates can be arranged to be mutually convenient, provided, however, that the official inspection be held in April or May.

3. Provision should be made for the Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster, to report at the meeting place of the camp at least an hour before the time scheduled for the meeting to be called to order, this will permit the District Inspector to examine the records, files, books, etc., and to obtain any other information necessary, to defer this work until the meeting has been called to order would militate against the proper conduct of the meeting, by the officers of the camp, and seriously hamper the District Inspector in making a thorough inspection.

Comrade John T. Oats, Camp 20, Inspects Camp 4, Fort Wadsworth.

Past Comdr. Daniel Seers, Camp 43, Inspects Camps 1, 59, 93, Brooklyn.

Past-Comdr. James F. Lynch, Camp 37, Inspects Camps 8, 79, 27, 102, New Rochelle.

Past-Comdr. James Lord, Camp 21, Inspects Camps 19, 24, 23, Brooklyn.

Past-Comdr. M. Morris, Camp 16, Inspects Camps 48, 49, 21, Brooklyn.

Past-Comdr. William Connors, Camp 34, Inspects Camps 66, 84, 100, Brooklyn.

Past-Comdr. Frank Wilson, Camp 5, Inspects Camps 22, 43, 16, 73, Brooklyn.

Past-Comdr. John Fitzgerald, Camp 84, Inspects Camps 34, 5, 98, New York city.

Past-Comdr. Charles W. Enderle, Camp 4, Inspects Camps 14, 18, 99, Brooklyn.

Past-Comdr. James Greco, Camp 8, Inspects Camps 10, 37, 53, Mt. Vernon.

Past-Comdr. Wm. A. Gardner, Camp 87, Inspects Camps 19, 31, 36, New York city.

Dept. Inspector Peter A. Nealis, Inspects Camps 20, 38, 46, 91, 69, 87, Brooklyn.

Past-Comdr. Virgil Hammond, Camp 29, Inspects Camps 61, 80, 29, Whitestone.

Past-Comdr. Alfred F. Kuhn, Camp 12, Inspects Camp 7, Buffalo.

Past-Comdr. John Linsman, Camp 17, Inspects Camp 12, Buffalo.

Past Sr. Vice-Comdr-in-Chief John D. Howland, Inspects Camp 15, Buffalo.

Past-Comdr. Otto Gaup, Camp 15, Inspects Camp 17, Buffalo.

Sr. Vice-Dept. Comdr. Leonard S. Spire, Inspects Camps 25, 45, 60, 106, Buffalo.

Past-Comdr. Albert Hahn, Camp 12, Inspects Camp 83, Buffalo.

Past-Comdr. Wm. J. Toomey, Camp 105, Inspects Camp 3, Norwich.

Jr. Vice-Dept. Comdr. Frank W. Wood, Inspects Camp 40, Binghamton.

Past-Comdr. Charles H. Mamo, Camp 39, Inspects Camp 39, Auburn.

Past-Comdr. Russell A. Babcock, Camp 86, Inspects Camp 86, Syracuse.

Patriotic Instruction

To Camp Commanders:

This most important work should be taken seriously, and the comrade appointed by commanders to fill this post as Camp Instructor should start with a will, by familiarizing himself with the events worthy of especial commemoration and be on the alert at all times to bring before his camp and the public the dates on which patriotic exercises should be held. Camp Patriotic Instructors should familiarize themselves with the history of this Nation, and common school history will answer all the doubts in his mind, repeated reference to its pages will enlighten his understanding, broaden his views of public events and teach a larger and better citizenship, also familiarize themselves with the events of the Spanish-American war so that when called upon to make a public address or to visit our public schools during Memorial week they will be prepared to put forward the one main project, "The event from which our organization was incepted." The Department Patriotic Instructor desires to give all the aid he can to Camp Patriotic Instructors. For any information to this effect write, Department Patriotic Instructor, William S. Fredenrich, 176 State St., Albany, N. Y.

Joint Public Installation

The Camps of the Borough of Manhattan have practically completed all arrangements for a Joint Public Installation of Officers

to be held on Saturday evening, January 15, 1921, at Twelfth Regiment Armory in New York City. Department Commander William Lanigan, of Troy, will officiate as Installing Officer at the ceremonies. This will be the first public demonstration in the history of the Camps of Manhattan Borough and should be encouraged and made a grand success by an extraordinary attendance of all Comrades connected with the Order. Comrades from all sections of the Department are cordially invited to participate at these exercises. The only prerequisites necessary to gain admission to the Armory during this function are the uniform and emblem of the Order, so that there is no reason why any Comrades should absent themselves regardless of whether or not his Camp takes active part. Guests of honor who will be present at this affair also includes the following: Department Commander C. A. Biltz, Tamaqua, Penn.; Timothy W. Kelly, Boston, Mass.; Harry E. Doty, Newark, N. J.; National Chairman, Comrade Daniel V. Chisholm, Washington, D. C., Legislative Committee. Besides our Past and Present National and Department Officers. Dancing will follow and a general good time is promised all who attend the event. So Comrades, remember The Date Of The Big Night, January 15, 1921. Chief-of-Staff Charles Barkas, Secretary Arnold E. Stears, and Committee, request your presence to swell the crowd and make the undertaking a monster success.

Comrades Honored

New Year's Day was fittingly observed by the Department of New York and Camps of the Capital District section at Albany. The affair was in honor of the induction into office of our distinguished Comrades, Secretary of State John J. Lyons, of Old Guard Camp 19, of New York City, and Senator Frederick E. Draper, of Marcus D. Russell Camp 2, of Troy. Department Commander William Lanigan and Staff met delegations from New York City and Brooklyn headed by Past Department Commander Thomas F. Gannon, of Brooklyn, and representatives from General Eugene Griffin Camp 11, Schenectady, David J. Johnston Camp 74, Cohoes, Marcus D. Russell Camp 2, Troy, Capt. Frank R. Palmer 28, Albany, and Marcus D. Russell Ladies' Auxiliary 16, Troy. Delegates assembled at the headquarters of Camp Palmer, at Albany, where they were very courteously received by Commander Charles F. Donnelly, during which the well wishes and greetings of the season were felicitously exchanged. Commander Donnelly presided as temporary chairman of the meeting, making a short address, following which Department Commander William Lanigan was introduced to the assemblage. During the course of his remarks he stated that the purpose of the gathering was to pay tribute of honor to our esteemed Comrades, John J. Lyons, of New York City, and Frederick E. Draper, of Troy. At the conclusion of his talk the session was adjourned. Following the adjournment the delegates proceeded to the State Capitol in a body. Entering the office of the Secretary of State the delegation was

escorted to the receiving room where our genial Comrade Lyons was awaiting our visit. Commander Lanigan presented each guest, who was received with a true comradely spirit and impressed beyond anticipation with the reception accorded them, at the close of which Commander Lanigan, in behalf of the Comrades of the Department of New York, during a short presentation speech gave Comrade Lyons a beautiful floral horseshoe as a token of comradeship. The gift was accepted in a most happy manner by the recipient. The delegates then journeyed to the Senate Chamber to extend their heartfelt greetings of good will to Senator Fred S. Draper, of Troy. Exchanges of welcome familiar to veterans was in order and all were well pleased over the entertainment given them by the Comrade from Troy. Commander Lanigan also did the honors on this occasion and in a few well chosen words presented the Senator with a horseshoe of flowers as a mark of respect from the Comrades of Marcus D. Russell Camp, of Troy. Comrade Draper thanked the donors for their expressions of appreciation in a most pleasing manner.

New Camp

Notice has been received of the approval of the application for a charter for the Lake Shore Camp of Dunkirk, and it is most encouraging to note that the prospects of a live large organization of at least 100 members in the very near future is possible. Especially so when the assurances are given by Commander-Elect Clarence Hubbard, of Dunkirk, and Senior Vice-Department Commander Leonard S. Spire, of Buffalo.

Financial Statement for Six Months of Term Ending

December 31, 1920.

Receipts

From past administrations.....	\$564 40
From N. Y. Office for supplies.....	401 51
From Camps for per capita tax.....	643 10
From Camp No. 79, reinstated.....	25 00
From Charters, Camps Nos. 60-106-107.....	30 00
From Nat. Hdqts. refund error.....	11 47
Total	<hr/> \$1,675 48

Disbursements

Nat. Headquarters, supplies.....	\$555 90
Nat. Hdqts., per capita tax.....	25 75
Nat. Hdqts., reinstatement Camp No. 79.....	5 00
Nat. Hdqts., charters, Camps Nos. 60-106-107.....	15 00
Nat. Hdqts., printing bulletins and stationery.....	220 50
Dept. Hdqts., Troy and N. Y., postage.....	59 25
Dept. Hdqts., telegrams and telephone.....	11 90
Dept. Commander's traveling.....	130 00

Dept. Commander, St. Louis.....	100 00
Dept., Miscellaneous.....	11 00
Cash in Manufacturers Nat. Bank.....	541 52

Total \$1,675 82

This will leave to cash in bank 34c. over, which is caused by Commander Lanigan turning over to past Dept. Q. M. Pierce 75c. for supplies included in check for P. C. T., and as all bills are paid by check, we have taken the difference that came by postage stamps.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES J. O'CONNOR, Department Adjutant.

JOSEPH F. TINNEY, Department Quartermaster.

Taps

The Department with intense grief declares the following depletion in our ranks:

Comrade Patrick J. Conway, Henry J. Reilly Camp 34, of Brooklyn, late Corporal Co. M. Two Hundred and First N. Y. Volunteer Infantry; died October 10, 1920. Interred in Holy Cross Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y., on October 12, 1920. In compliance with wishes of the family the funeral was private and was accorded full military honors by his comrades of Henry J. Reilly Camp 34, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Comrade David H. McIlroy, Gloucester Camp 5, of Brooklyn, late Private Co. M. Twenty-Second N. Y. Volunteer Infantry; died November 12, 1920, and buried with full military honors on November 15, 1920, by Gloucester Camp 5, at Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Past Commander George Allen, L. Boardman Smith Camp 25, of Rochester; Comrade Allen was struck and killed by an auto at Hampton, Va., on November 26, 1920. He was a member of Co. A. Third N. Y. Volunteer Infantry, was admitted to the Soldiers' Home in September, 1920, and was buried November 29, 1920, with full military honors by a detachment of Comrades. Interment in the Soldiers' Plot at Post Cemetery, Hampton, Va.

Comrade Edward J. O'Bryne, Manhattan Camp 1, New York City; late Private Co. K, Twelfth N. Y. Volunteer Infantry; died November 27, 1920; buried November 30, 1920; paid full military honors by the Comrades of Manhattan Camp 1. Burial at Lutheran Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Comrade Dunbar was a veteran of two wars, having served during the period Totten, N. Y. Died December 11, 1920, and was given a full military funeral at Fort Totten, N. Y., at the conclusion of which his remains were consigned to relatives in Harrisburg, Penn., for commitment to the Mother Earth. As a last tribute to the late Comrade's memory the entire Camp joined in extending their sympathies to the sorrowing relatives.

Comrade Dunbar was a veteran of two wars, having served during the period of the insurrection in the Philippines and was actively engaged on French soil while the World War was being waged.

Comrade Michael J. Horton, William H. Hubbell Camp 4, Brooklyn, late Bugler Co. H. Eighth N. Y. Volunteer Infantry and late Chief Musician of William H. Hubbell Camp; died December 12, 1920, and was buried at St. John's Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y., on December 15, 1920, with full military honors paid by the Comrades of William H. Hubbell Camp 4, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Firing party by courtesy of the Commanding Officer of Fort Hamilton.

Comrade Horton was mustered into the Camp in 1901, and was an active worker in the affairs of the Order and the comrades unite in expressions of sorrow and greatly feel the loss sustained by their local through the demise of Comrade Horton.

Comrade Thomas Kelley, General Stephen Moffit Camp 94, of Plattsburg, late Sergeant Co. H., Twenty-first U. S. Infantry during the campaign in Cuba, and served as a Quartermaster Sergeant in the Quartermaster Corps at Plattsburg Barracks from 1917 until expiration of term of service in March, 1920. Died December 17, 1920, buried December 20, 1920, with full Military honors by General Stephen Moffit Camp 94, of Plattsburg, assisted by two detachments of the Sixty-third Infantry acting as an escort and firing party. Burial at the Post Cemetery, Plattsburg Barracks.

Comrade Kelley served honestly and faithfully in the U. S. Government service for a duration of thirty years and was retired in March, 1920. He was one of the few remaining veterans of the Spanish-American War who had been decorated with the Congressional medal of honor, the highest tribute that could be paid to a soldier of whatever rank for heroic deeds which he so gallantly performed on the field of action on Cuban soil and participating in all the important engagements through which his famous unit fought, including San Juan Hill. It was here that Comrade Kelly performed acts of bravery which later was recognized and rewarded by the U. S. Government.

Comrade Andrew Schoeffler, Captain Frank R. Palmer Camp 28, of Albany, late Private Co. B. Twenty-first U. S. Infantry, died December 25, 1920, and buried with full military honors by Captain Frank R. Palmer Camp 28, in the Camp's Plot at Graceland Cemetery, Albany, N. Y. Comrade Schoeffler performed active service in the Cuban campaign and Philippines.

Headquarters stretches out its feelings of deepest sympathy to the friends, family gatherings and Camps in which our deceased comrades were enrolled.

Let us hope, however, "They have gone to prepare a place for us," that, in the golden summer of another life, we will gather again in a sweet reunion, where partings are unknown. Though

the days are dark now, spring will come once more. Thus we trust pleasant days will come again to those filled with sorrow and who have suffered a great affliction.

WILLIAM LANIGAN,

Official:

Department Commander.

JAMES J. O'CONNOR,

Department Adjutant.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 7.

February 10, 1921.

(Series 1920-1921.)

Incoming Officials

Newly elected officers are instructed to send requisitions for supplies to Assistant Department Adjutant Arthur J. Connolly, Branch Headquarters, Room 7, City Hall, New York City. All Camp Commanders are expected to begin their administrative period by showing high regard for the honor bestowed upon them by assisting the Department in complying with request of the Commander-in-Chief J. K. Witherspoon, Seattle, Wash., that there is no time like the present for recruiting. Camps having very large suspended membership rolls can render valuable service to the Department, as well as their own records, by reinstating and bringing back those members who have become inactive. You have various reasons why they should re-enter our ranks, as important legislation has been enacted and being introduced for our personal welfare. The Widows' and Orphans' Pension Measure and United Spanish War Veterans' Pension Bill are sufficient incentives, not speaking of the many laws that we have enacted regarding relief, etc., retention of employment, and others too numerous to note. So let us increase in membership be the slogan of your administration and success in all other things will follow.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Bath

Having received many requests for information pertaining to the institution at Bath, N. Y., I decided to accept the invitation to install Milton R. Wheeler Camp 103, located at the Home, and investigate in my own way, as well as I could, the real existing conditions. On Tuesday, January 25, 1921, accompanied by Junior Vice-Department Commander Frank W. Wood, of Binghamton, I paid a visit, remaining there the entire day, being assigned a room and given meals and full privileges to go where I chose and interview whom I would. I found 51 Spanish War Veterans enrolled out of a total membership of 751 inmates, of which 270 were confined at the Hospital. The Commandant recently appointed at the recommendation of the Investigation Committee, being a newly elected member of Camp 40 at Elmira. I am pleased to say if conditions such as related in Binghamton existed, absolutely no evidence of this nature is apparent now. On the contrary, I found old and infirm veterans whose average age is 82 years being cared

for tenderly by male attendants, many of whom are your comrades who are able to work, caring for those old men as tenderly and patiently as a mother would care for her child. The food served was good enough for anybody, they having their choice of meats or eggs best suited for their taste, either in Hospital or Mess Hall, with roast beef, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, home made bread and butter, not Oleo, bread pudding and coffee, which I partook of and assure everybody that it was good enough for me. Found the floors and walls in various parts of the building were in perfect sanitary condition and clean enough to eat from, and a physician, named Dr. Hill, County Chairman of the American Legion, anxious and willing to assist in the comforts in or out of the hospital of all housed there.

I interviewed about forty Comrades and in every case was told they were perfectly satisfied with their surroundings and treatment received by them was very good, having no cause whatever for complaint. These Comrades I picked out from here and there, all of whom were strangers to me, one Comrade going so far as saying that he thanked God during his eight years spent at the home for having raised his right hand to take the obligation to serve his country and his flag. I can therefore assure all Comrades that you need have no further anxiety regarding the treatment and care of the inmates of this home, and anyone needing a place of shelter of this kind they will be welcome and privileged to come and go at will, either by furlough or discharge, an honorable discharge from the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps being the only prerequisite.

Auditing Committee

The following Comrades have been named to serve as Department Auditors:

For Department Headquarters at Troy, N. Y.

Past Department Commander, William J. Cunningham, Marcus D. Russell Camp 2, Troy.

Past Department Commander Archibald R. MacFarland, Capt. Frank R. Palmer Camp 28, Albany.

Past Commander William Ross, David J. Johnston Camp 74, Cohoes.

Branch Headquarters, Room 7, City Hall, New York City.

Past Adjutant General P. Samuel Rigney, Col. William H. Hubbell Camp 4, Brooklyn.

Past Commander Charles L. Amey and Past Special Department Aide Fred Schroeder, David Wilson Camp 59, New York City.

Committee on Legislation

Comrade Charles W. Bentley, Camp 28.

Comrade George L. Alexander, Camp 11.

Comrade George E. Taylor, Camp 11.

Comrade B. J. Pierce, Camp 1, of New York City, was chosen Vice-Chairman of the Committee and will have charge of conducting the affairs of the Greater New York District, except the reception of the replies from State Legislators.

The Legislative Committee has undoubtedly advised you of the importance of receiving replies from Assemblyman and senator in your respective election district. Ascertaining, if possible, whether they are for or against our State Civil Service Preference Measure. If you have not already sent written appeals to your Legislative Representative, you should do so at once and have each and every voting member of your family do likewise. Returning your answers to the Chairman of the Legislative Committee, John J. Fitzpatrick, No. 143 Hudson Avenue, Albany, for districts outside of Greater New York, and Past Department Commander Thomas F. Gannon, Room 7, City Hall, New York City, for the Metropolitan section.

Aide-de-Camp

The following appointments have been confirmed and are hereby announced:

Comrade John P. Hoth, Camp 28.

Additional District Inspectors

Past-Comdr. Chas. F. Donnelly, Camp 28, Inspects Camps 2-11-74, Albany.

Past-Comdr. George Hussong, Camp 11, Inspects Camps 6-28, Schenectady.

Past-Comdr. John H. Broughton, Camp 58, Inspects Camps 9-90, Saratoga.

Past-Comdr. G. E. Graves, Camp 51, Inspects Camp 33, Herkimer.

Past-Comdr. Peter J. Halloran, Camp 75, Inspects Camp 44, Kingston.

P. S. V. Dept. Comdr. William A. Foster, Camp 33, Inspects Camps 51-52, Utica.

Past-Comdr. Thos. J. Bourke, Camp 2, Inspects Camps 58-71, Troy.

Past-Comdr. Harry C. Harris, Camp 44, Inspects Camps 75-78.

Past-Comdr. John Dillon, Camp 78, Inspects Camp 85, Newburgh.

Past-Comdr. A. W. Bement, Camp 90, Inspects Camp 94, Whitehall.

Col. Charles W. Williams, Camp 101, Highland Falls, N. Y., has been disbanded.

Induction Officers.

Department Inspector Peter A. Nealis, of Brooklyn, has submitted the names of Installing Officers presented to him by the newly elected Camp Commanders, as follows:

Sr. V. Dept. Comdr. Leonard S. Spire, Installed Camps 17, 15, 7, 83, 60, 12, 26, 3.

Jr. V. Dept. Comdr. Frank W. Wood, Installed Camps 40, 96, 105.

P. Comdr. John T. Oates, installed Camps 4, 22, 16, 34.

P. Comdr. John M. Niemeyer, Installed Camp 29.

- P. Comdr. William H. Halley, Installed Camp 78.
 P. Comdr.-in-Chief William Jones, Installed Camps 37, 27, 18, 49, 59.
 P. Comdr. Samuel J. McCoy, Installed Camp 10.
 P. Comdr. William L. Beck, Installed Camp 45.
 P. Comdr. John Fitzgerald, Installed Camp 5.
 P. Dept. Comdr Thomas F. Gannon, Installed Camps 62, 14, 31.
 Dept. Inspector Peter A. Nealis, Installed Camp 87.
 P. Comdr. William Carter, Installed Camp 84.
 Dept. Comdr. William Lanigan, Installed Camps 28, 58, 2, 11, 103.
 P. Comdr. John F. Spolders, Installed Camp 48.
 P. Comdr. Michael J. Vaughan, Installed Camp 93.
 P. Comdr. John Leya, Installed Camp 80.
 P. Comdr. William A. Dawkins, Installed Camps 21, 20.
 P. Dept. Comdr. Adolph L. Kline, Installed Camp 99.
 P. Comdr. Alfred R. Kennedy, Installed Camps 61, 100.
 P. Comdr.-in-Chief Daniel V. Chisholm, Installed Camps 1, 19, 23, 24, 36, 38, 46, 53, 91, 98.
 P. Comdr.-in-Chief Maurice Simmons and Past Dept. Comdr. Timothy W. Kelly of Boston, Mass., as Assistant Installing Officers for the Joint Installation of Camps of the Borough of Manhattan, N. Y.
 P. Comdr. George W. Preece, Installed Camp 73.
 P. Comdr. W. Fenton Myers, Installed Camp 6.
 P. Comdr. John Flanagan, Installed Camp 8.
 Judge Advocate Franklyn W. Cristman, Installed Camps 33, 51.
 J. Comdr. Charles H. Marco, Installed Camp 39.
 P. Comdr. U. A. Ferguson, Installed Camp 42.
 P. Comdr. Charles O. Davis, Installed Camp 43.
 P. Comdr. Robert W. Anderson, Installed Camp 44.
 P. Comdr. William Spurr, Installed Camp 52.
 P. Comdr. T. C. Collin, Installed Camp 74.
 P. Comdr C. W. Clapper, Installed Camp 71.
 P. Comdr. John Hansam, Installed Camp 69.
 P. Comdr. Charles Pickerall, Installed Camp 86.
 P. Comdr. A. W. Bement, Installed Camp 90.

Financial Statement Ending January 31, 1921

Receipts

Cash in Bank December 31, 1920.....	\$541 52
Per Capita Tax.....	943 90
Supplies	68 00
Total	\$1,153 42
	923 87
Cash in bank.....	\$629 55

Disbursements

National Hdqts. for Charter.....	\$5 00
National Hdqts. for Supplies.....	80 79
National Hdqts., Per Capita Tax.....	748 08
Dept. Commander's Expenses to Saratoga, Albany, Scheneectady and Cohoes.....	10 00
December Postage, Telephone and Telegraph.....	10 00
Dept. Comdr. Traveling to New York.....	35 00
Dept. Comdr. Traveling to Elmira and Bath.....	35 00
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	\$923 87

JOSEPH F. TINNEY, *Quartermaster.*

JAMES J. O'CONNOR, *Adjutant.*

Honor Retiring Officials

As a mark of respect for service well rendered on Thursday evening, December 23, 1920, Commander A. J. Schneidenbach, of the Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp 46, more familiarly known as "The Fighting 46," of New York City, tendered his Official Staff a real old-fashioned dinner at Zucca's Italian Gardens, for their devoted comradeship while serving during the year of 1920, both for Camp 46, and for our beloved Order. Silver Eversharp pencils were presented to each of the Officers, and to the Commander a traveling cardcase of the B. P. O. E., as tokens of appreciation, and the treasured gifts were accepted by the recipients in a most pleasing manner. Wednesday, December 29, 1920, Camp 46 (The Famous Fighting Unit 46) marked the closing of Commander A. J. Schneidenbach's term of office, with the unusual attendance of 48 members being present and a class initiation night of new recruits, closing with a regular army bean feed served. Slogan adopted, 150 members by July 1, 1921.

Taps

Comrade John H. Cooper, Admiral William P. Potter Camp No. 90, Whitehall, N. Y., late Private Co. I., Second N. Y. Vol. Infantry. Died at Whitehall, September 14, 1920, buried by Camp with full military honors at Our Lady of Angels' Cemetery, Whitehall, N. Y., September 17, 1920. Comrade Cooper was mustered in the Service May 2, 1898, discharged October 28, 1898, and was a Charter Member of Camp Admiral Potter No. 90.

Shipmate Edward Finn, Admiral Schley Naval Squadron, No. 16, Brooklyn, N. Y., late Chief Water-Tender, United States Navy, who passed away on October 27, 1920. Buried by his shipmates of Admiral Schley, Naval Squadron No. 16, of Brooklyn, with full naval honors at St. John's Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y., October 29, 1920.

Comrade Robert A. Dunbar, Col. Garland N. Whistler Camp 100, Fort Totten, N. Y. Died December 11, 1920, and was given a full military funeral at Fort Totten, N. Y. Following which his

remains were shipped to relatives in Harrisburg, Penn. Comrade Dunbar served in the Spanish-American War in the Philippines and in France while the World War was being fought. The entire Camp extend their sympathies to the sorrowing relatives.

Comrade Richard J. O'Keefe, Col. John G. Butler Camp 86, Syracuse, N. Y., late Private, Fourth Regiment N. Y. Volunteers. Died Wednesday, December 15, 1920, buried Saturday morning, December 18, 1920, with full military honors at St. Agnes' Cemetery, by Comrades of Col. John G. Butler Camp of Syracuse.

Shipmate William J. Lee, Admiral Schley, Naval Squadron, No. 16, Brooklyn, N. Y., late Chief Machinist Mate, United States Navy. Died December 23, 1920, buried December 26, 1920, at St. Mary's Cemetery, Staten Island, N. Y. Was accorded full naval honors by his shipmates from the Admiral Schley, Naval Squadron, No. 16, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Comrade Alexander F. Fischer, Col. William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, of Brooklyn, N. Y., late Private, Battery H, Second U. S. Artillery. Marched on January 1, 1921, buried January 5, 1921, with full military honors, by Col. William H. Hubbell Camp 4, of Brooklyn, at Woodlawn Cemetery. Members of Co. M. Twenty-second Infantry, stationed at Fort Jay, through kindness of the Commandant officiated as a firing squad.

Comrade George J. Sammons, Abraham Lincoln Camp 91, New York City, late Private Co. A., Eighth N. Y. Vol. Infantry. Died January 11, 1921, buried January 13, 1921, at Woodlawn Cemetery, with full military honors. Abraham Lincoln Camp 91, was accompanied to the burial plot with an escort from the New York Fire Department.

Shipmate Past Commander John E. Daley, Gloucester Camp 5, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Died on January 13, 1921. The late Past Chief of Camp Gloucester served in the United States Navy on the U. S. S. Vermont during the Spanish-American War. Was buried with full naval honors by the Comrades of Gloucester Camp 5, of Brooklyn, at Holy Cross Cemetery, on Saturday morning, January 15, 1921.

Comrade William F. White, Bucky O'Neil Camp 15, Buffalo, N. Y., late Private Co. E., Eighteenth U. S. Infantry. Enlisted March 7, 1899, discharged March 6, 1902, served in the Philippine Insurrection. Died January 13, 1921, buried with full military honors at Ridge Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, N. Y., January 16, 1921, by Bucky O'Neil Camp 15, of Buffalo, N. Y.

Comrade Michael Lunney, Fourteenth Regiment Camp 14, Brooklyn, N. Y., late Private Fourteenth N. Y. Volunteers. Died January 25, 1921, buried January 2, 1921, at St. John's Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y., with full military honors by Camp Comrades.

The profound sorrow of Headquarters is bestowed to the Camps and families of our Comrades who have marched on.

WILLIAM LANIGAN,

Department Commander.

JAMES J. O'CONNOR,

Department Adjutant.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 8.
(Series 1920-1921.)

March 10, 1921.

District Inspectors

Department Inspector Peter A. Nealis of Brooklyn announces the following additional District Inspectors which have been approved:

Past Comdr. John Leya, Camp 80, Inspects Camps 29, 66, 100.
Past Comdr. Joseph LaRue, Camp 73, Inspects Camps 84, 91, 46.
Past Comdr. Roland T. Clark, Camp 26, Inspects Camp 26.
Past Comdr. J. Harris Sawyer, Camp 96, Inspects Camp 96.

Legislation

If you have not already done it, it is not too late to back your Senator and Assemblyman up against the wall and inform them that unless they support you in the Veterans' Preference, you will not support them.

The committee on legislation are working like beavers to accomplish this, and a united effort on our part will aid them materially, and without it they can accomplish nothing. So, in a spirit of the pledge to your organization, give them the boost and help push them over, do not let it be said that the two other veteran organizations done their bit and that the U. S. W. V. were lacking.

Flag Measure

There has been presented to the Assembly, Bill Print No. 1422 — Int. No. 1265 and by them referred to the Codes Committee a Bill under the above number to amend the Flag Law, which will prohibit the American Flag being used for collecting money, or as a covering for any table or other piece of furniture. In other words, prohibit anything being placed upon the American Flag.

The Department Encampment it is understood, two years ago, passed a resolution that they "The Department" advocated such a Law, and trusting the Department will use their endeavor to see that this measure is reported out for passage.

Chairman Charles L. Amey, of the above committee, has taken an active interest in having this Law introduced in the Assembly, and is now appearing before the various bodies of Veterans in an endeavor to get their assistance with reference to this bill. Department Commander requests the various Camps to endorse the measure by sending a copy of a resolution to the members of the Codes Committee of the Assembly of the State of New York.

Muster Day

Department Patriotic Instructor William S. Fredenrich, of Albany, calls the attention of Camp Commanders to the proper manner of observing Muster Day, April 21, 1921, as follows: This annual event should not be neglected. Every Camp should hold these ceremonies on or near that date. The comrades should be called upon to renew their obligation. It is suggested that this occasion be combined with a muster-in of a class of recruits, putting on the complete muster services as provided in the rules and regulations,

or by making it a public affair where the public can be invited, and as much publicity as possible given that these services are to be held, but by not putting forth no more of the ritualistic work than the obligation.

Extension Work

The Commander-in-Chief's principal idea of what is best for our order is not unlike many of the ideas of our former Commanders-in-Chief, but he has many reasons, familiar to all of us, that the former Commanders-in-Chief did not have, as to why we should be able to increase our membership in greater numbers than we do. Will you not therefore put forth every effort to show him that we are willing and anxious to co-operate with him, making the remainder of his term and that of the Department Commander a record one in the matter of recruiting. He is wonderfully impressed with the loyalty of the Comrades and Ladies' Auxiliaries of the Department of New York. Both he and his wife agreeing that our auxiliaries are the most active and interested he has seen in all his travels.

Encampment Proceedings

All Delegates representing the various Camps throughout the Department at the New Rochelle Encampment, are hereby notified that Past Department Commander Thomas F. Gannon of Brooklyn, has sent to every camp a copy of the proceedings for each Delegate who attended the convention. All comrades who acted as representatives, desiring the same should apply to his local camp and not at Branch Headquarters in New York City.

Roosevelt Memorial

A fitting program was carried out in connection with the unveiling of the Theodore Roosevelt memorial tablet, on the evening of the anniversary of the birth of George Washington, at Binghamton. The gift was presented by the committee in charge to the city schools of Binghamton, by the United Spanish War Veterans Department of New York, in appreciation of the entertainment provided by the city for the State Encampment there last June. The tablet occupies a conspicuous position of honor at the main entrance to the auditorium of the High School building, and program rendered on the occasion was of a most patriotic nature. The numbers listed included addresses by the following notables: Mayor Thomas A. Wilson, Rev. Ambrose M. Dwyer, of St. James' Church, Johnson City; Rev. James F. Halliday, presentation of the tablet; Past Department Commander Thomas F. Gannon of Brooklyn, N. Y., acceptance; High School boy, whose speech accepting the gift was the feature event of the program, which also was composed of songs, music and recitations contributed by the High School girls and boys.

The committee arranged plans for the affair to be a public ceremony. The members of Thomas H. Barber Camp 3, and the Ladies' Auxiliary attended in a body. The tablet is of special significance, its construction from metal taken from the hulk of the

sunken battleship "Maine," and the old New York, Iowa, Massachusetts and Olympia. It is 20x30 inches in dimensions and weighs 60 pounds. It is the work of Sculptor Fraziere of New York City.

The committee from Barber Camp who had charge of the presentation, and whose names were inscribed on the memorial, follow: Junior Vice-Department Commander Frank W. Wood and Comrades S. L. Barath, A. K. Roberts, J. Roy Wilbur and Major Louis Seymour.

The receptions and entertainments tendered to Commander-in-Chief John K. Witherspoon and wife of Seattle, Wash., who were the honored guests of the Department of New York, on March 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, will be recorded in the history of the organization as red letter happenings. The distinguished visitors were royally entertained in New York City, Troy and Buffalo. Nothing was left undone that would tend to make the visits a pleasing success.

On each occasion large delegations of Comrades and Sisters of the Auxiliaries were present and warm greetings of welcome were showered upon the distinguished visitors. Auto trips over the cities and visits to the places of historic interest in and around New York City, Troy, Albany and Buffalo, kept the guests occupied during the daylight hours. Banquets and theater parties were given during the evening periods. Speakers of note representing the State, County and City governments were present, including the clergy and veterans representing the Civil, Spanish-American and World Wars.

Chief of Staff Charles J. Barkas of Brooklyn, Department Commander William Lanigan and Senior Vice-Department Commander Leonard S. Spire of Buffalo, assisted by various committees deserve special mention for the manner in which the affairs were conducted.

Department Commander extends to the Camps of Greater New York, Capital District Council and the City of Buffalo a deep and sincere vote of appreciation for the splendid manner in which they responded to his appeal to make the stay of the Commander-in-Chief a noteworthy event.

Financial Statement Ending February 28, 1921

Receipts

Cash in Bank January 31, 1921.....	\$629 55
Supplies	98 85
Per Capita Tax	37 65
Charter	10 00
 Total	 776 05
	380 38
 Cash in Bank	 \$395 67

Disbursements

Postage, N. Y. Office.....	\$10 00
National Headquarters, Supplies.....	84 00
National Headquarters, Charter.....	5 00
Bulletins and Stationery.....	137 50
Department Commander, Expenses to New York City.	25 00
National Headquarters, Per Capita Tax.....	68 13
Printing, New York Office.....	20 75
Flowers, Maine Monument.....	10 00
Troy Office, Postage, Jan. and Feb.....	12 50
Troy Office, Telephone and Telegrams.....	7 50
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	\$380 38

JAMES J. O'CONNOR, *Adjutant.*

JOSEPH F. TINNEY, *Department Quartermaster.*

Condolence

Headquarters extends their deepest sympathy to Junior Vice-Department Commander Frank W. Wood of Binghamton, on the loss sustained by the death of his mother, which occurred on Friday, March 18.

Taps

Comrade Alexander F. Fischer, late Private Battery "H," Second U. S. Artillery. Died January 1, 1921. Buried January 5, 1921, at Woodlawn Cemetery, with full military honors. Firing Squad Co. M, Twenty-second Infantry, from Fort Jay. Member of Col. Henry W. Hubbell Camp 24, New York City.

Shipmate Henry Stelling, William H. Hubbell Camp 4, of Brooklyn, N. Y., late Fireman U. S. S. New York. Died January 29, 1921. Interred in Canarsie Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y., on Monday, January 31, 1921. In compliance with the wishes of the family, the funeral was private. Funeral services were held at the late home, Sunday afternoon, January 30, 1921, by the comrades of William H. Hubbell Camp 4, of Brooklyn.

Comrade General William F. Morris, Manhattan Camp 1, of New York City, late Captain Co. K. Ninth N. Y. Vol. Infantry. Died February 3, 1921. Buried February 6, 1921, at Greenwood Cemetery, with full military honors. With a detachment from the Thirteenth and Fourteenth N. Y. National Guard, and the entire Regiment of the Ninth Coast Defense Command, with Band, in command of Camrade Col. J. J. Byrne.

Comrade Joseph Schoppmeyer, Manhattan Camp 1, of New York City, late Private Co. M, Twelfth N. Y. Vol. Infantry. Died February 5, 1921. Buried February 9, 1921, at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Mt. Kisco, N. Y., with full military honors.

Comrade William Trouton, Bucky O'Neil Camp 15, Buffalo, N. Y., late Private Co. K, Thirty-sixth U. S. Infantry. Enlisted August 5, 1898, discharged August 16, 1901, served in the Philippine Insurrection. Died February 20, 1921. Buried with full military honors at Holy Cross Cemetery, Buffalo, N. Y., February 22, 1921, by Bucky O'Neil Camp 15.

Comrade Jonas E. Paro, Admiral William P. Potter Camp 90, Whitehall, N. Y., late Private Co. I, Second N. Y. Vol. Infantry. Died at Whitehall, February 22, 1921. Buried from "Notre Dame Des Victories" Church. Laid at rest in Green Mont Cemetery, Whitehall, N. Y., by Spanish War Veterans. Comrade Paro was a charter member of Admiral Wm. P. Potter Camp.

Comrade Wirt G. Harmon, Thomas H. Barber Camp 3, of Binghamton, late Sergeant of Co. C, Twelfth U. S. Infantry. Died on February 23, 1921. Buried with full military honors by Thomas H. Barber Camp 3, in the United States War Veterans' Plot at Spring Forest Cemetery, February 27, 1921. Comrade Harmon served three enlistments in the Twelfth U. S. Infantry.

Comrade William H. Leddy, Henry J. Reilly Camp 34, of Brooklyn, N. Y., late Private of Co. B, Fourth U. S. Infantry. Died February 27, 1921. Buried March 2, 1921, in St. John's Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y., with full military honors.

The profound sorrow of the Department is extended to the families of our late Comrades and Camps to which they were affiliated.

WILLIAM LANIGAN,
Department Commander.

Official:

JAMES J. O'CONNOR,
Department Adjutant.

April 15, 1921.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 9
(Series 1920-1921.)

Memorial Day

Memorial Day is today dedicated to the Nation's dead of all wars. "They can not die;" they must live forever and their memories must be kept fresh and green in the hearts of all patriotic workers until the last survivor of patriotic devotion has gone West. We meet on Memorial Day to exalt heroic service under the flag, to incite patriotic devotion and to honor those fallen on the field of battle or who have marched on since the several wars ceased. The cost of the flag in human sacrifice is 1,300,000 brave men who gave their all that the Star Spangled Banner might still wave "o'er the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave." We trace the origin of the observation of Memorial Day to the field of Gettysburg on November 19, 1863. The calendar date has been moved to the season of nature's loveliness but the spirit which the nation today celebrates is the same as that which was born on the blood-soaked soil of Missionary Ridge and wheat field and peach orchard where Abraham Lincoln, our first martyred president, made that famous address that will ever be famous so long as utterance, writing or man exists.

In May, 1868, John A. Logan, then Commander of the G. A. R., issued an order naming May 30, 1868, as the day on which the order should decorate the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country in the War of the Rebellion.

Comrades, the warrior dead resting beneath the sod-covered mounds in the burial plots and those who sank beneath the surging waters of the sea, impress upon us above all else the great lesson of patriotic devotion to country — that lessen first taught us by the comrades of the G. A. R. Their teachings were an inspiration and when the call to the colors was sounded in " '98," we responded, we were cheered on to victory by the deeds of " '61-65."

It is written: "All that a man hath will he give for his life." The soldier dead whose memory we honor today, made the supreme offering to their country. It is because of this and not because of enmity toward the foe that we pay tribute to the dead; and it is because of this that as we honor their memory we hold them up to the rising generation as worthy of emulation — good citizens in peace, good soldiers in war. Every Spanish War Veteran is urged to join with the Comrades of the G. A. R. and the American Legion in observing the day.

Department Encampment

The members of the Council of Administration have been appealed to by the Department Commander for the purpose of designating the dates upon which the Annual Encampment shall be held in the city of Utica and their replies plainly indicate that they desire that the State Convention be held during the week commencing July 17, 18, 19 and 20. Department Commander William Lanigan has notified Past Senior Vice-Department Commander William A. Foster, Chairman of Encampment Committee, that he will leave Troy on Tuesday, April 26, arriving during the afternoon in the city of Utica for the express purpose of attending the session in the evening to hastily speed along plans of arrangements for the coming encampment. On Sunday evening, July 17, the State Convention will be opened with impressive and imposing ceremonies. The clergy, civic, military and veteran organizations will be well represented on this occasion and representatives of these various bodies will be listed as speakers upon the program of exercises which will be carried out. The executive sessions will be held on the 18th, 19th, 20th. Those who were in attendance at the convention last year at Binghamton can rest assured that a similar treat is awaiting them at Utica, as Chairman Foster is energetic and hustling things into shape in order that the brothers of No. 33 can provide for the entertainment and diversion of the visiting comrades something of the extraordinary nature which is bound to satisfy the most eager amusement seekers who know what enjoyment means. The comrades, however, who were not present at the Parlor City event, should make an unusual effort and take advantage of the opportunity which is afforded them by making this trip, as you will be met by a class of good entertainers who will go the limit to insure a jolly good time and you will also demonstrate that your interest in the doings of the U. S. W. V. is up to the standard qualities. Advice from the Encampment town show indications that extensive preparations are under way for handling

an unusual assemblage of Spanish War Veterans and they anticipate the largest gathering of the men who served in the war with Spain in attendance at this state function. The city is well adapted for the purpose for which it has been selected and the local camp is an aggressive body of hustlers, whose motto is "We Will Make Good," and there is no doubt that they will exert every resource to hold their reputation in the top-notch division, meaning that they intend to outstrip all former affairs of a similar nature. So make preparations now to avoid unnecessary delays which might be occasioned later. Get the grip in readiness for participation with the crowd which will comprise the Camp Utica Clubs. More details will be announced later.

Preference Measure

Department Commander feels highly gratified that the Preference Bill has passed both houses of the State Legislature during his term of office, which will be remembered by the Comrades who attended the Encampment at Binghamton. It was his pledge to support this measure to final passage. It will be borne in mind that he asked for the united support of the entire body and received the hearty co-operation of all and feels so gratified that he wishes to extend to the members of the Committee the greetings of the Department on their wonderful accomplishments. That he fully realizes that it was through their untiring efforts, assisted as they were by the Camps and their members, that successful results were attained and together with the efforts of the Legislative Committee and members of the American Legion. He always wishes to remind the Comrades that their work is not yet fully accomplished until we have declared ourselves at the polls in November in favor of this measure by obtaining a majority of votes. You are, therefore, urged to be sure that the people and your friends of your community understand what this question on election day means and have them instructed to vote "Yes."

Lest We Forget May 8th

As this day is proclaimed in memory of Mother let every Veteran consecrate this occasion in a fitting mode of action to her who endures all the sufferings and afflictions of war—the Soldier's Mother. Who is the first keenly sensible of the effectiveness of war struggles when her loved one marches on to the front? She who keeps close observation and gladly welcomes his homecoming. During the conflict she makes daily tours in spirit over the fields and hospitals anticipating his freedom from danger. She in whose spirit fold the patriot lays his wornout head at night and when the sacrifice is made supreme the final utterance which he makes is the first word that he ever uttered—Mother. She who makes the offering with him and for whose grief no truce is ever heard. On this occasion let us in a special effort pay homage to her who makes the greatest sacrifice of all for God and country—the Mother of our Soldiers, Sailors and Marines who have gone West.

Department Roster

The proposition of issuing a roster of the camps of the department in the form of a supplement to the Bulletin is being carefully considered and providing reasonable figures on the printing can be obtained, the proposal will be carried out in this manner. Camps which have failed to send in their reports of new officers should do so at once as it is important that every camp should be recorded in the new roster.

Election of Delegates

Camps are instructed that they shall elect delegates by ballot together with an equal number of delegates, and shall be entitled to one delegate for every fifty members in good standing in the local body or major fraction part thereof; provided, however, that each and every Camp shall be entitled to at least one representative. In estimating the number of delegates to which a Camp is entitled, the ratio shall be fixed on the basis of the number of members in good standing as shown by the semi-annual report for the term ending December 31, 1920. Camp Commander, Senior and Junior Vice-Commander and Past Commanders are entitled to sets in the Encampment by virtue of their office. In order to allow sufficient time to issue Credentials, etc., the Election of Delegates Must Occur During the Month of May.

Semi-Annual Reports

Semi-annual reports for the term ending June 30, 1921, and per capita tax for the term commencing July 1, 1921, should be forwarded at the earliest possible date. Blank forms for the reports will be forwarded to Camp Adjutants as soon as received from National Headquarters. Immediately upon receipt of the reports and tax due for the above term, delegate credentials will be forwarded to those Camps who have complied with the provisions of paragraph 4, of the order.

Official Reports

Camp Patriotic Instructors are hereby directed to furnish to the Department Patriotic Instructor, Past Commander William S. Fredenrich, 186 State street, Albany, a record in writing of the work in patriotic instruction accomplished, memorial exercises, observances and dedication ceremonies held by their respective Camps during his term of office.

Camp Historians are hereby notified to forward to the Department Historian, Chas. A. Stromdahl, a report in writing of all notable events excepting memorial exercises, observances and dedications which have occurred in their respective Camps during his period of office.

GENERAL ORDER No. 10.
(Series 1920-1921.)

May 15, 1921.

National Legislation

Department Commander urges each and every Comrade of the Department of New York to give their undivided support to the legislative measures which are now pending action in the United States Senate and House of Representatives at Washington. The first proposition is the amendment to the Key Bill, granting pensions to the Widows and Orphans of the Spanish-American War. This measure was the first legislation passed favoring Veterans of the War with Spain and their dependents. The comrades gallantly withdrew and used their utmost endeavors to secure this justifiable relief for their less fortunate ones. Which clearly denotes their unselfishness and is worthy of commendation from all sources. After this accomplishment, efforts were directed towards securing recognition for services rendered by deserving Comrades to their country, and this we are proud to state was realized through the enactment of the Sells Bill during the last Congressional Session.

The Knutson Bill has been presented for adoption by the Chairman of the House Committee on Pensions, who feels satisfied that all necessary provisions have been included in preparing the measure and its enactment is anticipated during this Congress. A similar bill with slightly higher ratings and including a tuberculosis clause has been introduced by Senator Elkins of the Senate Committee on Pensions. He is also hopeful of having this bill enacted into a law during the present session of Congress. These measures are both amendments to the Key Bill. If our committee is able to have the Knutson measure passed, it is possible that the Elkins Bill may be substituted for it in the Senate. The result of careful study causes us at the present time to direct all our efforts towards securing favorable consideration of H. R. 4, in order that this may be accomplished. All Comrades and friends throughout the Department are urged to send individual communications to each of the following members who comprise the House Committee on Pensions: Harold Knutson, R. Clint Cole, Thos. J. Ryan, Lon A. Scott, Anderson H. Walters, Guy L. Shaw, J. C. Pringey, Wm. D. Upshaw, John M. Robinson, Chas. L. Connell, Wm. F. Kopp, Wm. C. Hammer, J. E. Rankin, Joseph T. Deal.

The co-operation of every Comrade of the Spanish War in this Department is needed to assist our National Legislative Committee in this important task of promoting legislation, and you should keep in constant touch with Senators Wadsworth and Calder and the Congressman from your district through personal appointments or by correspondence urging to the end their solid support in all legislative matters pertaining to the men who served during the War with Spain. Comrades, remember, quick action on your part is required to insure successful attainments, and numerous demands for favorable consideration means that you are encouraging the work of the Legislative Committee by your united support.

Memorial Military Field Mass

The Nineteenth Annual Field Mass under the supervision of Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5, of Brooklyn, Department of New York U. S. W. V., in memory of the Nation's Soldier, Sailor and Marine Dead, will be held as usual on Memorial Sunday, May 29. The services will be held on the parade grounds of the Brooklyn Navy Yard. This service is one of the most important memorial events of the United States Spanish War Veterans. Camps should attend this function in a body, and through joint participation, this impressive and imposing ceremony will be attended with the usual success which has marked all former occasions. The National and Department Chaplain Right Rev. Monsignor John P. Chidwick will be the celebrant of the Mass. Since the last Memorial Service the committee regret to announce that they have been deprived by the marching on of the valuable services of the late Comrade John Daly of Brooklyn, N. Y., through whose untiring efforts a great deal of this success has been due. The Department unites with committee in expressions of sorrow for the loss sustained and we must accept that sweet consolation, knowing that among the loved and lost, that he is waiting for us to join him in a sweet gathering on the other side where separations cannot exist. Past Department Commander Thomas F. Gannon of Brooklyn is designated to head the Camps of the U. S. W. V., in the parade preceding the Memorial Military Mass.

Memorial Services

Exercises in honor of the departed Comrades of the Civil, Spanish and World Wars will be held at the Mall, in Central Park, Sunday, May 29, at 3:30 p. m., under the auspices of the Manhattan Memorial and Executive Committee U. S. W. V. The G. A. R., Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and Ladies' Auxiliaries will participate. Excellent program arranged for the occasion. Comrades, Relatives and Friends invited to attend.

Bronx Memorial and Executive Committee will hold their services in the evening of May 29, at the North New York Congregational Church, 143rd Street, near Willis Avenue. It will surpass all former events in brilliancy. Additional features to the parade and ceremonies in the church should tend not only to make it impressive and imposing, but insure the attendance of every Comrade and pay fitting tribute to our Comrades who have gone beyond.

Parker Monument.

Comrades, the dedication of the Parker monument will be held on Sunday, June 5, 1921, if weather permits. Chairman Comrade A. D. Mathesius, 643 East 170th Street, Bronx, states that a final drive for contributions will be inaugurated to raise the necessary funds to meet the deficiency which exists and others expenses incurred which must be met by the committee to successfully bring about the erection of the memorial in honor of Past Department

Commander Ralph W. Parker of New York City. All donations will be thankfully received by the committee having charge of the fund.

Flag Day

Department Patriotic Instructor William S. Fredenrich of Albany, N. Y., calls the attention of the Camps throughout the Department to Tuesday, June 14, 1921, "Flag Day." This anniversary should be observed in a most appropriate manner. Services should be conducted along patriotic lines. Speakers of note urged to co-operate in the demonstration which should be of a public ceremonial nature for the reason of impressing upon the minds of the foreign born citizens what true Americanism means and stands for and what the preservation of the Flag cost in human sacrifice. Celebrations can be held on or near the date which ever is considered most convenient.

Communications Supplies

Branch Headquarters at Room 7, City Hall, New York City, will be closed July 1, for the issuing of supplies. All camps desiring supplies should order the same on or before that date. On July 15, Headquarters will be closed at New York City and Troy. All correspondence should be sent to the Department Headquarters, Utica Hotel, Utica, N. Y.

Department Encampment

Preparations for the encampment at Utica are speeding on at a rapid pace. Past Senior Vice-Department Commander William A. Foster states that it will be of unusual proportions in every manner concerning encampments that this department has ever witnessed, and Comrade Foster's prediction will be verified, as he is well versed in matters of this nature and has taken an active interest in many of these State functions which have been furthered by our organization. The opening ceremonies will be held in the High School on the evening of July 17. Notable speakers high in the councils of political, commercial, clerical and literary circles of our State will be present on this occasion, and all Comrades should exert every effort to attend and make an excellent showing at the opening exercises. Business sessions as previously announced will be held at distance Armory, which is a short walk from the central section of the city. The parade will be featured by various innovations which will be interesting as well as amusing. Special precaution has been taken for the entertainment of all visitors during the convention period, and it is the desire of those in charge to have everybody feel, upon leaving Utica, that the reception was beyond expectations. Department Headquarters will be established at the Utica Hotel. The committee will send out a circular letter to the Camps containing full information, and the next issue of the Bulletin will announce general details of arrangements. Commanders of Camps of adjoining cities should unite with the endeavors of the committee by attendance and sending their entire representation to this State gathering.

The committee also desires to know as soon as practical from the Commanders of the different Camps throughout the Department as to the number of Comrades who anticipate attending, so that no time will be lost in making the necessary reservations. This more so applies to those who will be accompanied by their families in order to avoid disappointment in obtaining accommodations. All communications should be addressed to Comrade William A. Foster, Chairman of the Committee, County Treasurer's Office, Utica, N. Y., who will gladly give all information desired.

Information Desired

Camp Historian John X. Ahearn of Stephen Sanford Camp, No. 6, of Amsterdam, N. Y., desires the name and address of any Comrade who served in Company "A," 15th U. S. Infantry, during the year of 1896. Any information that can be given by a Comrade who served in this unit during the specified time will be most gratefully received, as it means much to a former member of that famous command. All communications regarding this matter should be sent to Camp Historian John X. Ahearn, No. 29 Garden Street, Amsterdam, N. Y.

Officers' Reports

All officials required by the Rules and Regulations to submit a report to the Department Encampment are hereby directed to send a copy of same report to these headquarters, Not Later Than July 1, 1921. Reports cannot be printed if they are received after that date.

Semi-Annual Reports and Per Capita Tax

Reports for the term ending June 30, 1921, should be transmitted to headquarters at the earliest possible date. Proper forms will be forwarded to Camp Adjutants, and Camp Commanders are hereby urged to give this matter their most careful consideration and ascertain that both the reports and per capita tax, which is 25 cents on each member in good standing, are forwarded within reasonable time to allow the issuance of the Delegates' credentials. Credentials cannot be sent until both reports and per capita tax have been acknowledged at these headquarters.

Financial Statement, Ending April 30th, 1921

Receipts

Cash in Bank, March 31st, 1921.....	\$363 40
Cash for Supplies.....	95 50
Cash for Per Capita Tax.....	5 50

\$464 40

Expenses for the Month.....	117 92
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Cash in Bank.....	\$346 48
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Disbursements

New York Office, Expense.....	\$15 00
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Wm. Lanigan, Expense to Utica.....	15 00
Wm. Lanigan, Expense to West Point.....	15 00
Adjutant General, Supplies.....	72 92
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	\$117 92

JOSEPH F. TINNEY,

Department Quartermaster.

JAMES J. O'CONNOR,

Department Adjutant.

Taps

Comrade Frank G. Van Tuyl, Capt. Frank R. Palmer Camp No. 28, Albany, N. Y., late Corporal Co. C, 1st N. Y. Vol. Infantry. Died April 1, 1921; buried April 3, 1921, at Graceland Cemetery, with full military honors by Capt. Frank R. Palmer Camp No. 28. Services were conducted at his late home and the Cemetery by the Camp. Members of the Camp acted as bearers. Firing squad from Co. C, 10th Regiment, New York State Guard. Comrade Van Tuyl served in Hawaiian Islands.

Comrade and Shipmate Morris L. Wescoe, Manhattan Camp No. 1, New York City, late Sergeant Co. "E," 9th N. Y. Vol. Infantry, and Chief Gunner, Radio Corps, U. S. Navy, during the World War. Died April 6, 1921; buried April 8, 1921, at Woodlawn Cemetery, with full military honors, with a detachment from the U. S. Navy.

Past Commander Charles B. Hidley, Marcus D. Russell Camp No. 2, Troy, N. Y., late Private Co. D, Second Regiment, N. Y. Vols. Died April 10, 1921; buried April 13, 1921, at Evergreen Cemetery, Wynantskill, N. Y. Full military honors by the members of Russell Camp. Firing squad and Musician from Camp Russell Camp. Department Commander William Lanigan was in charge of the funeral cortege and a large representation was present from the Fire Department and Silver Brook Lodge of Wynantskill, the latter organization also acting as bearers; the Trojan Nest, Order of Owls, Mt. Zion Lodge, F. and A. M., Marcus D. Russell Camp and Ladies' Auxiliary of Troy. Department Commander William Lanigan conducted the commitment service of the order at the grave.

Comrade Hidley was a charter member of the Camp.

Comrade J. J. Dinan, Hudson B. Moore Camp No. 78, Newburgh, N. Y., late Comrade, died at the National Soldiers' Home Hospital, Va., April 11, 1921; buried with full military honors by members of Hudson B. Moore Camp No. 78, Newburgh, N. Y., at Calvary Cemetery, April 15, 1921.

Comrade William S. Monaghan, Camp R. C. Anderson No. 26, Oswego, N. Y. The body of the late Comrade Monaghan arrived from overseas and was buried April 12, 1921, at St. Peter's Cemetery by Robert C. Anderson Camp and William S. Monaghan Post, American Legion with full military honors. Comrade Monaghan served during the Spanish-American War as a Sergeant in

Co. D, 3rd N. Y. Volunteer Infantry. In the World War he was a Sergeant in Company D, 108th U. S. Infantry. Killed in action October 17, 1918. He was with his Command during all its duty in France and on the 29th day of September, 1918, showed coolness and courage in battle and shot down an enemy flyer, for which he was mentioned in Division Orders and was decorated. Comrade was leading his platoon which was under heavy shell fire, when he lost his life. Comrade Monaghan was Quartermaster of Robert C. Anderson Camp 26 when he left to take part in the World War.

Department Commander deeply appreciates and highly commends the spirit of comradeship displayed in honoring the memory of our Comrade who has gone West.

Official:

JAMES J. O'CONNOR,
Department Adjutant.

WILLIAM LANIGAN,
Department Commander.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 11.
(Series 19-20-1921.)

June 10, 1921.

The Department Encampment

Preparations are completed for taking care of the largest number of delegates and visitors ever assembled at a department encampment. The committee, under the guidance of Past Senior Vice-Department Commander William A. Foster, who is acting as chairman, has labored unceasingly to the end that all past achievements will be surpassed in a manner of entertaining visiting comrades and their families and everything required to make the occasion what it should be has been engaged to satisfy the desires of all both in spirit and reality. From reports thus far received we are firm in the belief that those who are fortunate enough to attend will leave Utica with the impression that this department function will be the greatest and most successful ever held.

The opening exercises of the Encampment will be held at 8 o'clock on Sunday evening, July 17, in the State Armory. The Comrades will form at the Hotel Utica, Department Headquarters, at 7:30 P. M., and march to the Armory, a short distance, covering a period of a few minutes. The speakers will be as follows: Chairman of the Meeting, Comrade Col. H. J. Cookingham, Jr.; the Hon. Louis M. Martin, Comrade Capt. James K. O'Connor, Mayor of Utica, N. Y. The main address will be by our own silver-tongued orator, Monsignor John P. Chidwick, of Dunwoodie. Addresses will also be made by a representative of the G. A. R., the Department Commander, U. S. W. V., a representative of the American Legion, and Mrs. Mayo A. Wilbur, the Ladies' Auxiliary. Music will be furnished by the Utica City Band.

Monday morning, at 9 o'clock sharp, the gavel will be sounded and the business sessions will be formally opened in the State Armory and the invocation by Department Chaplain Rt. Rev. Mon.

John P. Chidwick. Delegates are urged to report promptly in order that the customary adjournment can be taken precisely at 12 noon to allow for luncheon and at 1:30 P. M. special conveyances have been provided to transport all hands to Summit Park, which is a delightful ride and about eight miles from the city. A varied program of amusement will be carried out which is bound to meet with the approval of everyone and following which a bean feed will be served. Upon return to the city the Delegates and their wives, sisters, etc., will all be expected to attend the Encampment Ball, which will be held at 8 o'clock in the State Armory. Special music has been engaged for this event and there is every reason to believe that all participants will thoroughly enjoy this brilliant military social affair.

It is anticipated that Tuesday will be probably devoted mostly to business matters pertaining to the Encampment and for that reason all Delegates are requested to report at the State Armory at 9 A. M. prompt. It is proposed to hold the Encampment parade during the afternoon between 5 and 6 P. M. During the same evening the Snaix will be on parade, following which a crawl will take place in the State Armory. Wednesday will be given over to the sessions of the Encampment and at the close of which the annual election of officers will be held.

Headquarters will be established as follows and the rates of the different hotels will be forwarded to the various camps throughout the Department.

Department Headquarters, Utica Hotel.

Auxiliary Headquarters, Hotel Martin.

Snaix Headquarters, Hotel Montclair.

On making reservations it is the desire of both the Encampment Committee and hotel people that the Delegates make direct application for accommodations to the hotel people, thus insuring safety and avoiding mistakes which might possibly occur. The rates that are to be furnished are for one person only, that is the prices shown will mean so much per person.

The Encampment parade is to be held in the late afternoon and will be short and it is the earnest wish to make a splendid showing. All comrades of the U. S. W. V. realize that the time is opportune now when every member of the order should heartily cooperate and demonstrate to the citizens of Utica that they have a large and active organization which truthfully upholds the traditions handed down by the G. A. R. So Comrades be an hand promptly for this review which will occur in the cool hours of the day and will be over time enough to give all the Companions of the Snaix ample time to get ready for their parade, which occurs at about 9:30 P. M., or as soon as it is dark enough for this amusing spectacle.

The Encampment Ball is to be informal and the Committee feels confident that the Delegates will be pleased beyond a doubt with this special social feature and assure all of a jolly good time.

The Ladies' Auxiliaries will hold their business sessions in the quarters of the American Legion in the Chamber of Commerce building and the Snaix will meet and transact their business at the State Armory.

Reports from Buffalo, Binghamton, Schenectady, Troy and Albany and from many Camps from upstate indicate that previous attendance records of Delegates will be broken and it is hoped that the representations from Greater New York which includes the First and Second District of the Department will equal and exceed all former State gatherings. Every Comrade should make a special effort to participate at this Encampment as nothing has been left undone by Chairman Foster which in any way might mar the success of this affair. So join with the crowds and get everything in readiness before the event occurs and show your appreciation to your Comrades of Utica for time, labor and money spent for your entertainment July 17-20.

Transportation Aide Bill Snyder Informs Us

The New York Central has been designated for the transportation of the delegates and their friends and families to the convention city. This selection is a most welcome one in all respects as it means a direct route of travel over a section of the State which is renowned for its picturesque scenery and all will be afforded an opportunity of enjoying a delightful trip. Arrangements have been made for those living in the vicinity of New York, as follows: New York City delegation to leave the Grand Central Depot on Sunday morning, July 17, at 10:10 A. M., eastern time, which means 11:10 A. M., New York City time. Don't be confused by the clock. The train, known as train No. 1, will stop at 125th Street at 10:21, Poughkeepsie at 11:58, Albany at 12:25, Troy, Belt Line, at 1 P. M.; Schenectady at 2 P. M., Herkimer at 3:13, and arrive at Utica 3:36 P. M. Should there be a sufficient number at the Grand Central Depot to warrant a special train, the number required is 200, a train will be run as a section of Train No. 1, making the same running time and same stops to enable delegations along the line to accompany us to Utica. Haverstraw, West Point, Middletown, Newburgh can use West Shore R. R. to Albany and then pick up New York City delegation at this point.

The fare will be one fare and a half for the return trip; children between 5 and 12 are charged half-fare, and under 5 years are carried free. Tickets will be on sale beginning July 14 and can be purchased at the consolidated offices as follows: 336 Fulton Street, Brooklyn; 84 Broadway, New York City; 57 Chambers Street, 31 West 32nd Street, or 113 West 42nd Street. Tickets are good not later than three days after the closing of the convention.

Certificates must be obtained when purchasing your ticket, said certificate will be O. K.'d at Utica by Bill Snyder as transportation aide and also by a special agent for the Railroad Company. This enables the holder of the certificate to obtain the rebate or reduced rate which is applicable only to the return trip. Notice Hudson

River boat lines will honor all railroad tickets on the going trip, meaning tickets from New York to Albany, but not return tickets, as there is no reduced rates on the boat lines. Night Line fare is \$4 each way and Day Line rate is \$3 each way, which does not include stateroom. Everything considered, railway is the cheapest way to travel.

Do not forget that New York (daylight saving time) is one hour later than Eastern Standard or railroad time.

Transportation Aide Bill Snyder is highly commended by the administration for his services which he has devoted to making arrangements for conveying of all to the convention city.

Attention Legislation

Department Commander urges all Camp Adjutants and Comrades to communicate with their Congressmen and Senators for their support of the Knutson Bill H. R. No. 4. The Commander-in-Chief in a special order advises that the Legislative Committee is complaining that they are not being supported in their efforts. We all know that the Commander-in-Chief and the Legislative Committee could accomplish little unless they have the support of this organization behind them. For it is numbers that count in matters of this kind and in no better way can our numbers be felt than by bombarding your Congressmen and Senators with letters for their support of this measure not only by the Comrades and their wives but by your relatives and friends.

Camp Adjutants

Adjutants must take into consideration that the Assistant Department Adjutant Arthur J. Connolly, attached to Branch Headquarters in New York City, is not responsible for the delay incurred in getting new supplies for uniforms. The price of these supplies was held up by National Headquarters and were not released or were shell buttons to be had until as you will note by National General Orders No. 8, dated May 1, 1921. I will, therefore, ask that you be considerate of the Adjutant, who is doing everything in his power. It requires five days for a first-class letter to arrive from Seattle, and six or seven days by parcel post.

Reinstatements

Alfred C. Weller Camp 32, Middletown, N. Y. Meets at State Armory. Comdr., E. Madden Decker, 111 Highland Ave.; Adjt., Albert J. Campbell, 54 Beattie Ave.; Q. M., William H. Chambers, 51 John St.

New Camp

Col. Wm. W. Gilbert Camp 108, Rochester, Comdr., Henry E. Norton, 556 Averill Ave.; Adjt., Henry J. Ryan, 92 Adams St.; Q. M., Fred J. Young, 21 Weld St.

Information Desired

Comrade Patrick Burke of Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp 46, New York City, is anxious to know the whereabouts of his brother,

Thomas F. Burke, who served in the Regular Army for a period of nine years. Last unit in which he served was the 17th U. S. Infantry, Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming. Having previously served in the 7th Colorado and during the Spanish-American war in 1898, he was attached to Co. C, 9th N. Y. Volunteer Infantry. This information is desired to settle an estate in Connecticut. Any Comrade who can furnish information as to his whereabouts kindly communicate with Camp Historian F. H. Smith. Address, 8726 Bay, 16th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Financial Statement for Month Ending May 31st, 1921

Receipts

Cash in bank.....	\$346 48
Cash for supplies.....	355 27
Cash for reinstatement of Camp 32.....	10 00
Cash for per capita tax on Camp No. 31.....	10 00
Cash for Medina Charter fee.....	10 00

\$731 75

Expenses for the month.....	391 49
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Cash in bank, May 31st.....	\$340 26
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Disbursements

Adjutant General for Charter Camp 32.....	\$5 00
Expenses of New York Office.....	10 00
The Press Co.....	5 00
Adjutant General, for Supplies.....	16 09
Adjutant General, for Supplies.....	124 76
Adjutant General, for Supplies.....	71 07
Adjutant General, for Supplies.....	13 50
Dept. Commander's Expenses to Middletown.....	25 00
Expense of Jr. Vice-Dept. Commander, to Utica.....	9 06
Adjutant General, Supplies.....	47 93
Adjutant General, per capita tax.....	64 08

\$391 49

JAS. J. O'CONNOR, *Dept. Adjt.,*

JOSEPH F. TINNEY, *Dept. Q. M.*

Condolence

The Department extends its deepest expressions of sorrow to the family and the American Legion on the loss sustained through the untimely death of their fearless and peerless leader, the late Commander-in-Chief Col. Frederick W. Galbraith, of Cincinnati, O.

Department Commander orders Camp Colors and Charters to be draped for a period of thirty days as a comradely tribute to his memory.

Taps

Comrade Alexis Connor of Admiral Philip Camp No. 18, of Brooklyn, N. Y., late U. S. S. New Orleans, who served in the Naval Campaign in Cuba, died March 18, 1921, buried March 21, 1921, at Mount Auburn Cemetery, Baltimore, Md.

Comrade John McDonald of Camp Robert C. Anderson, No. 26, Oswego, N. Y. Comrade McDonald served during the Spanish War as a First Sergeant and Second Lieutenant in Company D, Third N. Y. Vol. Inf., served on the Mexican border in Company D, Third Inf. N. Y. N. G., in the World War in the Officers' Training Camp at Madison Barracks, where he was discharged for disability. Buried April 18, 1921, at St. Paul's Cemetery with full military honors by the Comrades of Anderson Camp. Co. D, 3rd Infantry, N. G. N. Y., commanded by Lieutenant Gurney, paraded in a body. Delegates from the American Legion and Camp Anderson, whose standards and national colors were carried at the head of the military cortege. Phillips' band accompanied military escort and also a large delegation of the K. of C. A choir from the Knights of Columbus sang the requiem mass.

The bearers were Camp members. A firing squad from Company D rendered final military honors and a musician from that fighting unit sounded the soldier's farewell.

Past Commander William H. Riley, Marcus D. Russell Camp 2, Troy, N. Y., late Private Co. C, Third U. S. Volunteer Engineers. Died April 23, 1921. Buried at St. Peter's Cemetery, Troy, N. Y., April 26, 1921, with full military honors by the Comrades of Russell Camp. Department Commander William Lanigan conducted the ritual service at the grave. Bearers, firing party and musician, who participated at the services were members of Camp Russell. Railroad Trainmen and Iron Moulders' Union acted as an escort.

Comrade Riley was a charter member of the Camp and saw active service during the war in Cuba.

Comrade George Pressenger, 14th Regiment, Camp 14, Brooklyn, N. Y., late Private Co. A, Fourteenth Regiment, N. Y. Vol. Infantry. Died Saturday, April 30, 1921, at St. Anthony's Hospital and was buried at National Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y., on Wednesday, May 4, 1921, was accorded full military honors by his Comrades of the Fourteenth Regiment Camp.

Department Commander commends Commanders John T. Oates of J. S. Decker Camp 20, Commander William J. Alcorn, Officers and Comrades of the 14th Regiment, Camp 14, of Brooklyn, N. Y., for the tribute paid and the burial of the departed Comrade Pressenger, whose survivors failed to respond to call when sounded or take part in the funeral services.

Comrade E. W. Beach, an honorary member of Seyburn-Liscum Camp 12, of Buffalo, N. Y., died May 2, 1921, and was buried May 5, 1921, by members of Chapin Post, G. A. R. A delegation from Seyburn-Liscum Camp attended the funeral. Interment at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, N. Y.

Comrade Thomas E. Durkee, Warren A. Wilson Camp 9, Glens Falls, N. Y., late Private Co. K, Second Regiment, N. Y. Vol. Infantry. Killed in automobile accident May 5, 1921. Services were conducted from St. Alphonse Church with a Requiem High Mass, and buried with full military honors at Bay Street Cemetery, May 9, 1921.

Comrade William H. Harrison, Samuel M. Porter Camp 45, Jamestown, N. Y., late Sergeant Co. E, 65th New York Vol. Infantry. Died May 12, 1921. Buried at Holy Cross Cemetery, Jamestown, N. Y., with full military honors, May 16, 1921. Comrade Harrison served twenty-one years with Co. E, 65th Regiment, N. G. N. Y., being promoted to the rank of Second Lieutenant.

Comrade George H. Ferguson, William H. Hubbell Camp 4, of Brooklyn, N. Y., late machinist U. S. Navy, died Tuesday, May 17, 1921, buried May 21, 1921, at U. S. National Cemetery, Cypress Hills, Brooklyn, N. Y., with full military honors by William H. Hubbell Camp 4. Services were conducted at his late home, and the Cemetery by the Camp members, who acted as bearers. Firing squad from Fort Hamilton, U. S. A.

Comrade William Murphy, Col. John Jacob Astor Camp 98, New York City, late Private Co. "B," 69th N. Y. Vol. Infantry. Died May 22, 1921, buried at Calvary Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y., on May 25, 1921, with full military honors.

The Comrades of Astor Camp 98, extended their sincere thanks and appreciation for the assistance rendered in the conduct of the funeral services by Chaplain Irvine and Comrade William J. Brierty of Manhattan Camp No. 1 of New York City.

Comrade William Boyer of Henry J. Reilly Camp 34, of Brooklyn, N. Y., late Private in Co. F, 8th Regiment, N. Y. Vol. Infantry, died June 9, 1921. Buried at National Cemetery of Brooklyn, N. Y., with full military honors on June 11, 1921.

Official:

WILLIAM LANIGAN,

JAMES J. O'CONNOR,

Department Commander.

Department Adjutant.

BULLETIN OF UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

National Headquarters

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 1.

September 17, 1920.

(Series 1920-1921.)

1. Having been duly elected and installed Commander-in-Chief of the United Spanish War Veterans, at the Twenty-second National Encampment, held at St. Louis, Missouri, September 13-16, 1920, the undersigned hereby assumes command.

2. Until permanent Headquarters is established, all communications, per capita tax, requisitions for supplies and all matters pertaining to the work of National Headquarters are to be forwarded to No. 409 Olive Street, Seattle, Washington. The Washington, D. C., office is hereby discontinued.

3. All appointive officers are hereby relieved from duty and the following appointments announced:

Chief of Staff, George R. Kreps, Department of Pennsylvania.

Adjutant General, T. J. L. Kennedy, Department of Washington and Alaska.

Quartermaster General, Thomas J. Cunningham, Department of Washington and Alaska.

Assistant Adjutant General, John Resch, Department of Washington and Alaska.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

4. The following Committees are hereby announced:

Committee on Finance

Past Commander-in-Chief William Jones, New York, Chairman.

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles W. Newton, Connecticut.

Past Commander-in-Chief Henry W. Busch, Michigan.

Committee on Legislation

Past Commander-in-Chief D. V. Chisholm, Washington, D. C., Chairman.

Past Department Commander Timothy W. Kelly, Massachusetts.

Further appointments on this Committee will be announced in the next General Order.

Personal

5. In assuming the office of Commander-in-Chief, I do so with a consciousness of what the office means and of the responsibilities it involves. It will be my purpose to continue to advance the organization as it has advanced during the past year, but in order to accomplish this, every officer and Comrade must understand that we have a two-fold duty devolving upon us, first, to devise ways and means for holding the membership mark we have already attained, and second, to promote such a spirit of comradeship and co-operation as will permit the further expansion of our beloved order. I shall endeavor to carry out the wishes of the Twenty-second National Encampment with reference to its legislative program and to that end will welcome the help and counsel of every Comrade in the Order.

J. K. WITHERSPOON,
Commander-in-Chief.

CIRCULAR No. 1.
(Series 1920-1921.)

November 1st, 1920.

The following is published for the information of all concerned:

Special Regulations No. 110

“War Department,
“Washington, D. C., July 21, 1920.

“The following law and regulations governing the issue of rifles and accessories and sale of ammunition to Posts and Camps of or-

ganizations of honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines, are published for the information and guidance of all concerned, and supersede Special Regulations No. 110, dated March 17, 1920.

“(A. G. O.)

“By order of the Secretary of War:

“PEYTON C. MARCH,

“*Major General, Chief of Staff,*

“Official, P. C. Harris, The Adjutant General.

Rifles and Accessories for Organizations of War Veterans

“1. Act of Congress.—The Act of Congress authorizing the issue of rifles and accessories and sale of ammunition is as follows:

“Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled ‘An Act Authorizing the Secretary of War to Loan Army Rifles to Posts of the American Legion,’ approved Feb. 10, 1920, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

“That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized, under rules, limitations and regulations to be prescribed by him, to loan obsolete or condemned Army rifles, slings and cartridge belts to Posts or Camps of organizations composed of honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines, for use by them in connection with the funeral ceremonies of deceased soldiers, sailors and marines, and for other Post ceremonial purposes; and to sell such Posts and Camps blank ammunition in suitable amounts for said rifles at cost price, plus cost of packing and transportation: Provided, however, That not to exceed 10 such rifles shall be issued to any one Post or Camp.’

“Approved June 5, 1920.

“2. Kind of rifles to be issued.—The rifles to be issued under the provisions of this act of Congress are limited to the United States rifle, caliber 30, model of 1898. These arms will be issued on the basis of not to exceed 10 to each Post or Camp, as required for funeral ceremonies for soldiers, sailors and marines, and for other Post or Camp ceremonial purposes.

“3. Accessories.—The accessories to be issued with each rifle will be one gun-sling and one cartridge belt of such model as may be available for issue for the purposes designated.

“4. Sale of blank ammunition.—Blank ammunition in the amounts required will be sold at cost price, plus cost of packing and transportation, upon application by the proper officer of the Post or Camp, approved by the State Commander, and forwarded with certified check or money order to the department ordnance officer, United States Army, under whose territorial jurisdiction the Post or Camp is located. The cost of this blank ammunition, including cost of packing, is \$10 per thousand.

“5. Applications, to whom submitted.—Each application for issue of rifles and accessories or sale of ammunition under the provisions of this act must have the approval of the proper State Commander, insuring that the particular Post or Camp is a bona fide organization as contemplated by the terms of the act, and should

be forwarded to the department ordnance officer, United States Army, under whose territorial jurisdiction the Post or Camp is located. Applications should state clearly the streets and city address and nearest railroad station, and also whether shipment is to be made by freight or express collect.

"6. Bonds to be filed before issue.—Issue of the above property will be made by the proper department ordnance officer, United States Army, to the individual Post or Camp upon the filing of a bond by such organization, approved by the State Commander, in the penal sum of the value of the property, and providing that said organization guarantee to take proper care and safely keep and account for the arms and accessories issued to it, and shall, when required by the Secretary of War, duly cause the return of said property in good order within 30 days to such arsenal or depot as the Secretary of War may designate to receive them. Should this bond be executed by an individual, such individual should be one of the executive committee of the requisitioning organization, who must submit his authority for so doing. The value of the property covered by the bond should include not only that of the immediate issue, but also such issues as may be made at a later date, in order to have all Government property issued to an individual Post or Camp covered by a single bond.

"7. Supply of bond; form of bond.—Upon the receipt of approved application for Government property as herein provided by the proper department ordnance officer, United States Army, he will supply the proper form of bond with full instructions as to its execution, and no issues will be made until the bond shall have been duly approved and accepted.

"8. Transportation.—The transportation of rifles, accessories and ammunition from the Government arsenals or storage depots to such posts or camps and back to the Government arsenals or storage depots must always be without expense to the United States Government.

"9. Care of rifles and accessories.—The posts and camps to which issues or rifles and accessories are made will be required to keep said property in like good and serviceable condition as when issued by the United States Government, and for this purpose necessary spare parts, implements and appendages will be sold to such posts and camps at cost price, plus cost of packing, upon application approved by the State Commander to the department ordnance officer, United States Army, under whose territorial jurisdiction the post or camp is located.

"10. Returned rifles and accessories to be inspected.—When rifles or accessories are returned to the Ordnance Department by any post or camp, they will be carefully examined when received at the Government arsenal, and if they are found imperfect or unserviceable by reason of carelessness or other causes than legitimate use in service, the cost of such repair shall be chargeable to said post or camp and payment thereof must be made to the United States Government.

“ 11. Rifles and accessories unfit for use.— When any rifles or accessories become unfit for further use, the executive officer of the post or camp will report the fact to the proper department ordnance officer, United States Army, who may authorize the shipment thereof to a Government arsenal without expense to the United States Government. On reaching the arsenal the property will be inspected by an officer of the Ordnance Department, and if its condition is found to be due to ordinary incidents of service such property may be replaced with serviceable property of like character; but if the condition is found to be due to carelessness or other than legitimate causes, the extent of the damage or value of missing property will be determined by the department ordnance officer, United States Army, who will require payment by the responsible party under the bond before any new issues will be made.

“ 12. Annual property returns.— Annual returns (statement of property) will be rendered on December 31 of each year to the proper department ordnance officer, United States Army, on forms to be supplied by him, by the proper officer of the organization supplied with rifles, etc., under this act, accounting for all Government property under his charge.

“ 13. Withdrawal of property.— Failure on the part of any post or camp to comply with the foregoing regulations or with any others that may be prescribed by the Chief of Ordnance, United States Army, with the approval of the Secretary of War, for the care, preservation, or accountability of any Government property issued to it by the United States Government, will be considered sufficient cause for the prompt withdrawal by the Secretary of War of all the Government property in its possession.

“ 14. Return of property.— If any organization shall fail to cause the return of the Government property in its charge within 30 days after demand made by the Secretary of War, the delinquency will be immediately referred to the Attorney General of the United States in order that the bond involved may forthwith be put in suit.

Ordnance Officers, Corps Areas, Where Located

“ First Corps Area: Headquarters, Boston, Mass., comprising the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

“ Second Corps Area: Headquarters, Governors Island, N. Y., comprising the States of New York, New Jersey and Delaware.

“ Third Corps Area: Headquarters, Fort McHenry, Md. (temporarily at Baltimore, Md.), comprising the States of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

“ Fourth Corps Area: Headquarters, Fort McPherson, Ga. (temporarily at Charleston, S. C.), comprising the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana.

“ Fifth Corps Area: Headquarters, Fort Benjamin Harrison,

Ind., comprising the States of Ohio, West Virginia, Indiana and Kentucky.

" Sixth Corps Area: Headquarters Fort Sheridan, Ill. (temporarily at Chicago, Ill.), comprising the States of Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin.

" Seventh Corps Area: Headquarters, Fort Crook, Nebr., comprising the States of Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota.

" Eighth Corps Area: Headquarters, Fort Sam Houston, Tex., comprising the States of Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona.

" Ninth Corps Area: Headquarters, Presidio of San Francisco, Calif. (temporarily at San Francisco, Calif.), comprising the States of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada and California.

" *Bond to Secure the Return of Rifles, Slings and Cartridge Belts Loaned to Organizations of Honorably Discharged Soldiers, Sailors and Marines.*

" Know all men by these presents, That the (See Note 1) ———, as principal, and ———, a corporation under the State of ——— as surety, are held and bound unto the United States of America in the penal sum of ——— dollars, to the payment of which sum, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

" The condition of this bond is such, that whereas the Secretary of War, acting under the authority vested in him by the Act of Congress approved Feb. 10, 1920, as amended by the Act of Congress approved June 15, 1920, has loaned or is about to loan to (See Note 2) ——— ordnance stores consisting of ——— of the fair value of ——— dollars.

" Now, therefore, if the said ——— shall take good care of, insure and keep insured against loss to the United States, and safely keep and account for such ordnance and ordnance stores as the Secretary of War has issued or may issue to said ——— under authority of said Acts of Congress, not exceeding in value the penal sum of this bond, and shall, when required by the Secretary of War, return the said ordnance and ordnance stores within a period of thirty (30) days in good order and condition, reasonable wear excepted, to such officer or person as the Secretary of War may designate to receive them, then this obligation shall become inoperative and void; otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

" In witness whereof, the parties hereto have executed this instrument under their several hands and seals this ——— day of ———, 192—; the name and seal of said principal being hereto signed and affixed and these presents duly signed by its authorized officers, pursuant to a resolution of its ——— passed on the ——— day of ———, 192—, a copy of the record of which is hereto attached; and the name and corporate seal of the surety being hereto

signed and affixed by its authorized officers, evidence of such authority being on file in the War Department.

“ Witness: _____ .(Seal.)
(Individual principal.)

“ Attest: _____ . (Seal.)
(Corporate principal.)

“ By: _____.

“ Attest: _____ (Seal.)
(Corporate surety.)

“ By: _____.

“ Witness — as to — . (Seal.)

“ Witness — as to — . (Seal.)

“ Approved _____, 192—.

“ Signed _____

“ Commander, State of _____.

“ Note 1. Insert one of the following:

“ (a) ‘_____ Post of the American Legion, a body corporate under the Act of Congress approved Sept. 16, 1919 (Public No. 47, 66th Congress), acting through _____, its duly authorized representative and a member of its executive committee.’

“ (b) ‘_____, an organization composed of honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines acting through _____, its duly authorized representative.’

“ Note 2. Insert one of the following:

“ (a) ‘_____ Post of the American Legion, a body corporate under the Act of Congress approved Sept. 16, 1919 (Public No. 47, 66th Congress).’

“ (b) ‘_____, an organization composed of honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines.’ ”

By Direction of

J. K. WITHERSPOON,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

THOMAS J. L. KENNEDY,
Adjutant General.

December 1, 1920.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 3,
(Series 1920-1921)

GREETINGS

1. The Commander-in-Chief and staff extend the season's greetings to every comrade of the organization and to the members of the Auxiliary to the United Spanish War Veterans, and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. In connection with our New Year's resolutions, let us reaffirm our allegiance to our country and its flag, and resolve that we will give to the organization our best efforts for the coming year.

Installations

2. (a) Installation of unattached camps.

The retiring commanders of unattached camps are hereby designated as installing officers for their respective camps, and shall proceed as provided by Section 61 of the Rules and Regulations. In the absence of the retiring Commander, installation may be conducted by any Past Commander upon request of the Commander-elect.

(b) Installation in new camps.

Attention is directed to Section 56 of the Rules and Regulations providing that where a camp is instituted after September 1st, the first, set of officers hold over until the following year.

(c) Delinquent camps not entitled to installation.

Installing officers are directed to refrain from installing camp officers until satisfactory proof is furnished that the Adjutant's and Quartermaster's semi-annual reports and the semi-annual per capita tax have been forwarded to Department Headquarters, or, in the case of unattached camps, to National Headquarters. Department Commanders and Provisional Division Commanders are directed to call attention of all installing officers to this order.

Headquarters Camps of Members at Large

3. Pursuant to paragraph 1 of section 230, of the Rules and Regulations, and in compliance with Resolution No. 5, adopted by the 22d National Convention at St. Louis, Departments are authorized to form Headquarters Camps for Membership at Large, to consist of not less than ten members recruited in territory not proximate to a camp. The Department officers shall be ex-officio officers of such Headquarters Camps, holding in respect to said camps their relative offices in the Department, and performing the duties thereunto appertaining. Before proceeding to do business as, or to enroll members in, a Department Headquarters Camp, the Adjutant General shall be advised by the Department Commander that a Department Headquarters Camp is contemplated. He shall transmit at the same time the proposed charter membership list of not less than ten, and a charter fee of \$5.00. A charter shall thereupon issue as in the case of an ordinary camp, upon receipt of which the Headquarters Camp shall be authorized to do business.

The officers of National Headquarters Camp for Members at Large shall, as heretofore, consist of the National officers for the time being.

Members at Large may be enrolled as heretofore by National Headquarters, but where the recruit is within the territorial jurisdiction of a Department which has formed its Department Headquarters Camp, such recruit shall be immediately transferred to such Department without charge. Members at Large not proximate to a camp, and residing within the territorial jurisdiction of a Department Headquarters Camp may be enrolled thereby, but on removing from the territorial jurisdiction of such Department, such member at large shall be entitled to transfer to the Depart-

ment Headquarters Camp of the Department in which he resides, or to National Headquarters Camp, if not with the territorial jurisdiction of a Department, as the case may be. Transfers from Headquarters Camps for the purpose of joining existing camps (regular or Headquarters) or becoming charter members of new camps (regular or Headquarters) shall be granted subject to Sections 36 to 39, inclusive, of the Rules and Regulations.

Members at Large shall be charged \$3.00 upon enrollment to cover initiation and dues for the semi-annual term during which the enrollment takes place. Membership badge, button, visiting card case and official receipt shall issue without further charge. The dues thereafter shall be \$2.00 per annum, but neither National Headquarters Camp, nor any Department Headquarters Camp shall charge a Member at Large any dues or other fees upon transfer, except dues subsequent to the date to which he has already paid dues, as indicated by his transfer; nor, in case of transfer, shall any Headquarters Camp be entitled to participate in the dues already paid to any other Headquarters Camp, either Department or National. Department officers shall make semi-annual reports and remit per capita tax to National Headquarters for Department Headquarters Camps in the same manner as is provided for camps of a Department. Each Headquarters Camp shall bear the name of its Department (e. g. Headquarters Camp, Department of Maine), shall be unnumbered, and shall be the first camp listed on the consolidated report.

4. The following appointments are hereby announced:

(a) All Provisional Division Commanders are hereby continued in office for the term of the present administration. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

(b) Additional members on the Committee on Legislation: Past Department Commander Jas. V. Hirsch, of Ohio, and Comrade Guy B. Groff, Department of Washington and Alaska.

(c) National Aides-de-Camp: Comrade Francis Vance, Department of Maryland; Comrade W. L. Zachray, Department of Florida; Past Department Commander Nick Denunzio, Department of Kentucky; Past Department Commander George J. Sherman, Department of Minnesota; Past Department Commander Daniel C. Stearns, Department of Ohio; Past Assistant Quartermaster General J. J. Murphy, District of Columbia; Past Department Commander G. G. Juneau, Department of Wisconsin.

The Commander-in-Chief would be pleased to receive the suggestions of the various Department Commanders with a view to the appointment of a number of Aides-de-Camp in each of the Departments of the organization. In making such suggestions, it is requested that the name, rank, past rank, and address of the comrade be given.

23d National Encampment

5. The committee representing the camps at St. Paul and Minneapolis, after a conference, have decided upon Minneapolis as the proper place for the holding of the 23d National Encampment, the 22d National Convention having merely specified the Twin Cities

as the place of the next Encampment. Pursuant to the request of the committee, Minneapolis is specified and designated as the place where the 23d National Encampment will be held.

Proceedings of the 22d National Encampment

6. The proceedings of the 22d National Encampment have been printed and distributed, and in accordance with the Rules and Regulations, a copy has been sent to each Camp Adjutant. It is to be understood that these copies are not the property of the Camp officers receiving them, but are the property of the camps and must be turned over to their successors in office.

Members at Large

7. The attention of Members at Large is again directed to the fact that dues at the rate of \$2.00 per annum are due and payable on January 1, 1921, and should be paid on or before said date by money order payable to the Adjutant General, addressed to 410 County-City Building, Seattle, Washington. Members at Large are requested and directed to give their Member at Large numbers in all communications addressed to National Headquarters.

New Camps

8. The application of Norristown Camp No. 52, Department of Pennsylvania, for permission to change its name to General J. K. Weaver Camp No. 52, has been approved. The application of A. L. Kline Camp No. 12, Department of New York, for permission to change its name to 14th Regiment Camp No. 14, has been approved.

Application for charter for a new camp at Bangor, Maine, has been received.

Per Capita Tax

9. It is incumbent upon the Department Commanders and Provisional Division Commanders to see that all per capita tax is promptly forwarded to the Adjutant General with the semi-annual reports. Remittance from a Department must be accompanied by a complete or partial consolidated report.

Unattached camps must transmit per capita tax direct to National Headquarters, together with semi-annual Adjutant's and Quartermaster's reports.

Adjutant General as Receiving Officer

10. Attention is again called to the fact that all remittances to National Headquarters, regardless of the purpose for which the remittance is made, should be made by money order, draft, or other negotiable instrument, payable to the order of the Adjutant General, not the Quartermaster General or the Commander-in-Chief.

By order of

J. K. WITHERSPOON,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

THOMAS J. L. KENNEDY,
Adjutant General.

February 1, 1921.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 5,
(Series 1920-1921)

Appointments

1. The following appointments are hereby announced:

National Aides-de-Camp

Unattached Camps

Comrade L. H. Chamberlin, New Mexico Camp, New Mexico.

Comrade W. W. Johns, Chagres Camp No. 1, Canal Zone.

Department of Colorado and Wyoming

Past Dept. Commander D. M. Ralston.

Past Dept. Commander W. J. Fuller.

Past Camp Commander Homer L. Freehafer.

Comrade Francis H. Palm.

New Camps

2. The following applications for charters have been received and approved:

New Camp at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

New Camp at Beverly, Massachusetts.

The following camps have been placed in good standing:

J. W. White Camp No. 6, Department of Wisconsin.

Fred R. Goodhouse, Camp No. 31, Department of Wisconsin.

Joseph Meurer Camp No. 38, Department of Wisconsin.

The following camps have been instituted:

Allegheny Valley Camp No. 87 at Freeport, Pa.

W. H. Stone Camp No. 42 at Merrill, Wisconsin.

Message of the National Patriotic Instructor

3. During the month of February three events of great importance to every citizen of this country will occur, namely: Lincoln's Birthday on February 12th, the anniversary of the destruction of the battleship Maine on February 15th, and Washington's Birthday on February 22d.

Continuing the high ideals which prompted every Spanish War Veteran to voluntarily offer his life in the service of his country during the Spanish American War, it is respectfully suggested that members of this organization encourage in every possible way the proper celebration of the above anniversaries. It has been found that leading citizens everywhere welcome the co-operation of patriotic organizations for this purpose. Fraternal societies, churches, schools, clubs, political organizations, civic bodies of all kinds are going more and more into the observance of the anniversaries of our national characters and important events, all striving in their own way to display true patriotism and loyalty to the flag, and thus dealing a sledge-hammer blow at the monster of bolshevism, I. W. Wism and kindred elements pledged to the destruction of our national government. Every loyal citizen of this country should sacrifice his personal comfort upon the occasion

of these anniversaries and attend one of the public memorial services held to commemorate them (usually free, the expenses being borne by citizens and civic bodies, thus displaying patriotism of a high order) encouraging by his attendance manifestations of approval and endorsement, and displaying loyalty to the greatest government on earth.

Camp and Department Patriotic Instructors should be very active during this month, arranging proper celebrations and giving widespread publicity through the press and in other ways of the dates and manner in which these celebrations are to be held. Even if public services are not given by Camps or Departments, Patriotic Instructors should endeavor to encourage public interest in the anniversaries by writing letters to editors of newspapers and other publications, by making short addresses to school children and to the membership of fraternal and civil bodies, stirring up their patriotism and encouraging their interest in events of this nature. Let it not be said that the United Spanish War Veterans are slackers in the great work of inculcating in the minds of, especially, the coming generation the principles underlying the great work of our organization — namely, Freedom, Patriotism and Humanity.

Department General Orders

4. Department officers are requested to comply with Section 317 of the Rules and Regulations, requiring transmittal to National Headquarters of copies of all Department General Orders. Compliance in this particular will not only keep National Headquarters advised of conditions in the various Departments, but will bring to the attention of National Headquarters much of general interest to the entire organization which should be published in the General Orders issued by National Headquarters.

Attention Comrade Fred F. Hayes

5. The following message has been received from Wm. H. Plummer, 24 Kilby street, Adjutant of Camp No. 28, Department of Massachusetts, located at Worcester, Massachusetts.

A discharge certificate bearing the name of Fred H. Hayes, late Co. I, 1st Maine Volunteer, Infantry, is in the possession of the Adjutant of Camp No. 28, Department of Massachusetts. This discharge was given to the brother of J. V. C., P. J. Fitzpatrick, for safe keeping, but he has recently died and this discharge was among the effects of the deceased. The owner can have same by communicating with the Adjutant of Camp No. 28.

Identification of Deceased Comrade

6. Any comrade who knew Frank Hilliker and served with him in Co. "K," 36th U. S. Volunteer Infantry, will please communicate with Anna M. Roach, Rural Route No. 1, Port Blakely, Washington, wife of the deceased comrade, who is seeking the necessary proof in order to secure a pension.

Supplies

7. National Headquarters has on hand a good supply of lapel buttons made from metal of the U. S. S. Maine. Comrades are advised to secure these buttons while there is still a chance to do so.

Rush Reports

8. Camps and Departments delinquent in the matter of installation reports, consolidated reports and per capita tax are directed to forward same with all possible haste.

By order of

J. K. WITHERSPOON,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

THOMAS J. L. KENNEDY,
Adjutant General.

March 1, 1921.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 6,
(Series 1920-1921)

Appointments

1. The following appointments are hereby announced:

Special Aides-de-Camp

Assigned to National Headquarters

Past Commander A. T. Drake, Dept. Washington and Alaska.
Comrade D. H. Pond, Department of Ohio.

National Aides-de-Camp

Department of Colorado and Wyoming

Past Commander Samuel Shove.
Commander H. H. Wallace.

Department of California

Comrade George W. Moulton.

Department of New York

Past Dept. Commander Chauncy W. Herrick.
Comrade George Hussong.
Comrade L. Theo. Dreis.
Comrade G. E. Courtright.
Comrade A. J. Nealis.
Comrade Wm. R. Marzahn.
Comrade Herbert C. Perkins.

Department of Wisconsin

Commander Edward Quistorff.
Adjutant John Sheldrick.
Adjutant Wm. T. Geissman.

Department of Massachusetts

Past Commander Waldo H. Smith.
Past Commander Thomas Godley.
Past Commander Edward A. Weeks.
Past Commander Charles A. Flanagan.

Unattached Camp

Comrade John Peters, Ohio Valley Camp No. 1, West Virginia.

Errata

2. Paragraph Number 1, General Order No. 4, series 1920-1921, announcing appointments, erroneously refers to Comrade William Orthman as Department S. V. C., and incorrectly carries the name of Comrade L. M. Titterington, as Tillerington. The same will stand corrected accordingly.

New Departments

3. National Aide-de-Camp E. G. LeSturgeon has been commissioned to reorganize the Department of Texas. The Department organization of this Department was abandoned in 1916.

New Camps

4. The following applications for charters have been received and approved:

New camp at San Leandro, California.

New camp at Elkins, West Virginia.

New camp at Hastings, Nebraska.

The following camps have been placed in good standing.

Axline Camp No. 5, Department of Ohio.

Oscar Zimmerman Camp No. 20, Department of Wisconsin.

H. W. Lawton Camp No. 2, Department of Wisconsin.

The following camps have been instituted:

Fred J. Carpenter Camp No. 43, Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

Fort Mercer Camp No. 36, National Park, New Jersey.

Congratulations to Dept. Commander Guy M. Dulin

5. Department Commander Guy M. Dulin, of the Department of Wisconsin, has secured the reinstatement of five suspended camps within his Department in the past two months, and has instituted two camps within the same period. The Commander-in-Chief at this time wishes to express his appreciation and to congratulate Comrade Dulin on the magnificent showing in his Department.

Surgeons, Attention

6. Camp and Department Surgeons are requested and directed to immediately communicate with Surgeon General L. W. Hyde, at Hillsboro, Oregon. The respective Camp and Department Commanders are charged with the duty of seeing that this order is immediately complied with.

National Encampment Dates

7. The ballot of the National Council of Administration, called

for by paragraph 2 of General Order No. 4, series 1920-1921, being in favor of fixing the convention dates as of September 12th to 15th, 1921, inclusive, said dates shall stand and are hereby fixed as the convention dates for the 23d National Encampment of the organization.

Membership Challenge

8. Charges Camp No. 1, Canal Zone, Unattached, reports an increase in membership for the past year of 109%, and has issued a challenge to any camp in the organization to show a like growth during the past year, or to equal said showing in the present year. The Commander-in-Chief at this time expresses his congratulations to the officers of said camp for the showing they have made.

Report of Board of Survey

9. The Board of Survey appointed pursuant to Special Order No. 2, series 1929-1921, and detailed to inspect and condemn obsolete and useless property at National Headquarters, has presented the following report:

“Present.—Past Dept. Commander Henry H. Saunders, Conn., pres.; Quartermaster General T. J. Cunningham, Wash., member; Comrade W. H. Caswell, Wash., recorder.

“The Board convened pursuant to the foregoing order at the office of National Headquarters, December 17th, 1920, at 12:30 p. m., and proceeded to examine the property of the organization as follows:

“1 — Records and correspondence of National Administrations prior to 1917-1918.

“2 — Property turned in by defunct camps — useless.

“3 — Obsolete blank forms.

“4 — Pamphlets of amendments to Rules and Regulations, Ritual and Book of Ceremonies.

“5 — Copies of Rules and Regulations of 1910 — obsolete.

“6 — Copies of proceedings of various National Encampments.

“The Board recommends that in the best interest of the organization the following property be destroyed:

“Records and correspondence of previous National Administrations — “1.”

“Property turned in by defunct camps, unless — “2.”

“Obsolete blank forms — “3.”

“Pamphlets of amendments. — “4.”

“Copies of Rules and Regulations, 1910 — cloth covers (leather copies to be retained in the discretion of the Commander-in-Chief) — “5.”

Copies of proceedings — “6” (6 copies of each year’s proceedings to be retained).

“The Board adjourned at 3.30 p. m.”

Said report stands approved with the exception of the recommendation pertaining to the destruction of records and correspondence of National Administrations prior to 1917, which recommendation stands disapproved.

Missouri Volunteers, Attention!

10. It is reported that there is still in the hands of the authorities of the State of Missouri \$50,000 allocated as ex-service money to Missouri Volunteer soldiers for service during the period between enlistment and mustering into the Federal Service during the Spanish war. Missouri comrades who have not made claim for such extra compensation are advised to get in touch with the Adjutant General of the State of Missouri.

Information Wanted Concerning Missing Comrade

11. Comrade John Becker, of Cunningham Camp No. 27, Brighton, Massachusetts, disappeared July 12, 1920. He was in failing health and despondent. He may have met with an accident or foul play. Comrade Becker served six enlistments in the Regular Army, having been discharged at Washington Barracks, U. S. Engineers, April 1, 1912. He also served in the C. A. C., Mounted Engineers, at Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1903, and was with the 50th Co., C. A. C., in the Philippines 1909 to 1911. He is 43 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches tall, brown hair turning gray, light blue eyes. It is thought possible that he may be working as a street railway motorman under an assumed name. Any comrade having information concerning Comrade Becker will please communicate with Past Department Commander Timothy W. Kelly of Massachusetts, at room 41, City Hall, Boston, Massachusetts.

By order of

J. K. WITHERSPOON,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

THOMAS J. L. KENNEDY,
Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 7,
(Series 1920-1921)

April 1, 1921.

Appointments

1. The following appointments are hereby announced:

Special Aides-de-Camp

Assigned to National Headquarters.

Comrade Paul Howland, Department of Ohio.

National Aides-de-Camp

Department of Missouri

Comrade R. P. Dickerson.

Sen. Vice-Dept. Commander Samuel W. James.

Commander Edward Murphy.

Past Commander Weston E. Browne.

Department of Minnesota

Past Dept. Commander Jos. B. Gibson.

Past Dept. Commander Herman Nigg.

Commander James Elwin.

Past Commander Albert Edwards.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

New Camps

2. The following applications for charters have been received and approved:

New camp at Turlock, California.

New camp at Boulder, Colorado.

The following camps have been placed in good standing:

Lt. Horace W. Walters Camp No. 51, Department of Pennsylvania.

Sparta Camp No. 17, Department of Wisconsin.

Warren D. Crouch Camp No. 77, Department of Illinois.

Sterling Camp No. 12, Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

Polk Camp No. 65, Department of Pennsylvania.

The following camps have been reorganized:

Harry Alvin Hall Camp No. 16, Department of Pennsylvania.

James Thomas Mahaffey Camp No. 40, Dept. of Pennsylvania.

The following camps have been instituted:

Carl C. Van Dyke Camp No. 23, Alexander, Minn.

Gen. Joseph Wheeler Camp No. 24, Rochester, Minn.

Lake Shore Camp No. 107, Dunkirk, New York.

Chattanooga Camp No. 14, Chattanooga, Tenn., Unattached.

Fred E. Champlin Camp No. 4, Flagstaff, Arizona, Unattached.

Congratulations to Department Commander C. A. Biltz

3. Department Commander C. A. Biltz, Department of Pennsylvania has secured the reinstatement of two suspended camps within his Department in the past month and has reorganized two disbanded camps within the same period. The honors for this month go to Commander Biltz. The Commander in Chief expresses his appreciation and extends congratulations to Comrade Biltz for his good work.

Disbandonment of department of Hawaii

4. The Department of Hawaii has been in default since 1916, and has been dead since 1917, no election having been held since said time. There is but one camp in good standing, all others having been delinquent for several years.

The Department of Hawaii will therefore stand dissolved and disbanded, and former Senior Vice-Department Commander James A. Phillips will close up the affairs of the Department, pursuant to the provisions of Special Order No. 4, series 1920-1921.

The sole surviving camp, Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 1, of Honolulu, will hereafter be an unattached camp reporting direct to National Headquarters.

Inspection Trip of Sr. Vice-Commander in Chief

5. The Senior Vice-Commander in Chief will, on April 30, 1921, start on a tour of inspection of the organization. His itinerary will be as follows:

Leave Norfolk, Va., 10 p. m. Saturday, April 30, Virginian R. R.

Arrive Roanoke, Va., 7:30 a. m. Sunday, May 1, Virginian R. R.
 Leave Roanoke, Va., 6:45 a. m. Monday, May 2, N. & W. R. R.
 Arrive Charlotte, N. C., 5:10 p. m. Monday, May 2, Southern
 R. R.
 Leave Charlotte, 7:35 a. m. Tuesday, May 3, Southern R. R.
 Arrive Charleston, S. C., 10:55 p. m. Tuesday, May 3, Southern
 R. R.
 Leave Charleston, 7:30 a. m. Thursday, May 5, Southern R. R.
 Arrive Augusta, Ga., 2:05 p. m. Thursday, May 5, Southern R. R.
 Leave Augusta, 11:00 a. m. Friday, May 6, Georgia R. R.
 Arrive Atlanta, 3:35 p. m. Friday, May 6, Georgia R. R.
 Leave Atlanta, 6:10 a. m. Saturday, May 7, Southern R. R.
 Arrive Chattanooga, Tenn., 11:00 a. m. Saturday, May 7, South-
 ern R. R.
 Leave Chattanooga, 12:15 a. m. Monday, May 9, Southern R. R.
 Arrive Memphis, 11:15 a. m. Tuesday, May 10, Southern R. R.
 Leave Memphis, 12:30 p. m. Wednesday, May 11, A. C. & N. R. R.
 Arrive Nashville, 9:00 p. m. Wednesday, May 11, A. C. & N. R. R.
 Leave Nashville, 7:25 a. m. Thursday, May 12, L. & N. R. R.
 Arrive Louisville, Ky., 12:50 p. m. Thursday, May 12, L. & N.
 R. R.
 Leave Louisville, 8:10 a. m. Friday, May 13, L. & N. R. R.
 Arrive Cincinnati, Ohio, 12:15 p. m. Friday, May 13, L. & N.
 R. R.
 Leave Cincinnati, 11:30 a. m. Saturday, May 14, C. & O. R. R.
 Arrive Charleston, W. Va., 6:40 p. m. Saturday, May 14, C. & O.
 Leave Charleston, 11:15 a. m. Sunday, May 15, B. & O. R. R.
 Arrive Wheeling, 7:40 p. m. Sunday, May 15, B. & O. R. R.
 Leave Wheeling, 10:25 a. m. Monday, May 16, B. & O. R. R.
 Arrive Pittsburg, Pa., 12:50 p. m. Monday, May 16, B. & O.
 R. R.
 Leave Pittsburg, 8:00 a. m. Wednesday, May 18, B. & O. R. R.
 Arrive Washington, D. C., 4:40 p. m. Wednesday, May 18, B.
 & O.
 Leave Washington, 11:30 a. m. Thursday, May 19, R. F. & P.
 R. R.
 Arrive Fredericksburg, Va., 1:02 p. m. Thursday, May 19, R. F.
 & P.
 Leave Fredericksburg, 1:02 p. m. Friday, May 20, R. F. & P.
 R. R.
 Arrive Norfolk, Va., 7:05 p. m. Friday, May 20, R. F. & P. R. R.

Annual Muster Day

6. The attention of camp officers is directed to the fact that April 21st is Annual Muster Day. The camp meeting held on or near said date should be devoted to the ceremonies prescribed for the occasion.

If possible camp officers should arrange to obligate a large class of recruits as a fitting manner of celebrating the day. In any event, the Camp Commander is charged with the duty of seeing that the regular Muster Day Services are conducted, in order that

the comrades may renew their oaths and reaffirm their adherence to the principles of the United Spanish War Veterans.

Department Encampments

7. Department Commanders are requested and directed to immediately notify National Headquarters of the proposed dates of their respective Department Encampments.

Retiring Department Adjutants are charged with the duty of forwarding to National Headquarters a complete officers' list, containing the names and addresses of the elective department officers, the new Department Adjutant and the new Department Quartermaster. This list must be forwarded immediately following the Department election.

The Commander in Chief expresses the wish that in the matter of election of Department officers, the comrades will not be influenced by any motives except those which are for the good of the organization. The comrades are urged to select officers who will make good and who will reflect honor upon their respective Departments.

Officers' Reports

8. The attention of Department Inspectors is called to the provisions of Sub-section (e) Section 167, Rules and Regulations, requiring the transmission of consolidated inspection reports in duplicate to the Adjutant General at National Headquarters, and to the Inspector General, J. J. Garrity, 1918 Clifton Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, respectively. Camp inspections, if not already made, should be attended to within the next 30 days. In this connection, for the purpose of making and transmitting such inspection reports for unattached camps, the Adjutants thereof are hereby designated as Inspectors, charged with such duty in respect to their respective camps.

The attention of Department Surgeons is called to Sub-section (b), Section 169, Rules and Regulations, requiring the forwarding of a report to the Surgeon General, Comrade L. W. Hyde, Hillsboro, Oregon, at least 90 days prior to the National Encampment.

The attention of Department Patriotic Instructors is directed to Sub-section (c), Section 171, Rules and Regulations, requiring a like report within like time, to be made to the National Patriotic Instructor, Comrade T. W. Rooney, 66 Liberty Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

The attention of Department Historians is called to Sub-section (c), Section 173, Rules and Regulations, requiring a like report within like time to be made to the National Historian, Comrade W. D. Tucker, Room 302, McKinley Block, Canton, Ohio.

The attention of Assistant Department Adjutants is called to Section 174, Rules and Regulations, providing for the transmission of a copy of recruiting report to National Headquarters immediately prior to the holding of Department Encampments. Where no Assistant Department Adjutants have been appointed, this duty will devolve upon the Department Adjutants.

Membership Challenge Accepted

9. We are in receipt of the following communication from Lawton Camp No. 1, of Denver, Colorado:

"In General Orders No. 6, paragraph 8, Chagres Camp No. 1, Canal Zone, issues a challenge to any Camp in the organization to show an increase of 109% in membership, which is very fine indeed, and Lawton Camp, in regular session, accepts that challenge, as we believe that our gain in membership is larger than that, as the records will show.

"Membership Lawton Camp

Members in good standing January 1, 1920..... 94

Members in good standing January 31, 1920..... 238

"Showing a gain of 153%

"This acceptance of our Comrades' challenge is offered in the spirit of rivalry, and hoping that some Camp in the organization may show a larger growth than 153%, as through that kind of rivalry our beloved organization is bound to grow and progress onward and upward.

Yours in F., P. and H.,

"E. B. SWEENEY, *Adjutant.*"

We congratulate the officers of Lawton Camp No. 1 on their good work, and suggest that any other candidates for membership honors had better be up on their toes if they desire to exceed this showing in increased membership.

Financial Report

10. The following is the financial statement for the term commencing with the present administration, on September 16th, 1920, and ending March 31st, 1921:

Receipts

Cash from prior administration.....	\$7,501 24
Per capita tax.....	5,083 18
Interest	83 98
Charter fees	170 00
Supplies	5,245 77
Membership at large.....	408 75
Color fund special.....	35 95
Total	\$18,528 87

Disbursements

Pay roll, Headquarters.....	\$ 2,239 89
Supplies	3,364 43
Legislative committee	1,030 32
Printing, stationery	1,734 53
Unpaid accounts, past administration.....	237 50
Freight and express.....	688 48
New York office.....	85 55
Postage and office expense.....	972 52
Headquarters traveling expense.....	2,268 85

Telephone and telegraph tolls.....	118 35
Board of Survey.....	106 18
Refunds to Camps and Departments.....	66 11
Salaries and expense General Offices.....	400 00
Plant account	272 70
Official Publication	150 00

\$13,735 41

Cash on hand, March 31, 1921..... 4,793 87

\$18,528 87

Condensed Balance Sheet

National Headquarters, U. S. W. V.....		\$14,909 68
Plant and property account.....	\$ 2,272 70	
Investment account bonds.....	4,000 00	
Cash	4,793 46	
Supplies	2,527 10	
Color fund special.....		35 95
Profit and loss account, 1920-21.....	1,352 37	
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	\$14,945 63	\$14,945 63

Information Wanted Concerning Missing Comrade

11. Any Comrade having information concerning the whereabouts of Comrade John L. Bobick, formerly of the U. S. Navy, enlisting in 1898, and at last accounts in the Merchant Marine Service as Chief Engineer, will please communicate with Commander Walter P. White of Col. E. R. Shumway Camp No. 28, at Worcester, Massachusetts.

By order of

Official:

J. K. WITHERSPOON,
Commander-in-Chief.

THOMAS J. L. KENNEDY,
Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 8.
(Series 1920-1921.)

May 1, 1921.

Message of Thanks of the Commander-in-Chief

1. The Commander-in-Chief wishes to thank in the fullest measure the officers and comrades of the organization and sisters of the Auxiliary who so splendidly entertained him and Mrs. Witherspoon on the recent tour of inspection.

Everywhere was evidenced the warmest comradely affection and attention to everything pertaining to the comfort and entertainment of the travelers.

Appointments

2. The following appointments are hereby announced:

Special Aides-de-Camp

Assigned to National Headquarters

Comrade F. O'Donoghue, Dept. of Florida.

National Aides-de-Camp

Department of Michigan

Comrade Edwin Denby.

Comrade Joseph C. Smith.

Past Commander Charles Braun.

Comrade Clyde I. Webster.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

3. The following Committee appointments are hereby announced:

Additional Member Committee on Legislation

Past Commander Charles J. Corkery, Dept. of Massachusetts.

New Camps

4. The following applications for charters have been received and approved:

New camp at Grinnell, Iowa.

New camp at Iowa City, Iowa.

New camp at Frederick, Oklahoma.

New camp at Medina, New York.

New camp at St. Augustine, Florida.

New camp at Troy, Alabama.

The following camps have been re-organized:

Fitzhugh Lee Camp No. 2, Unattached, of Mobile, Alabama.

The following camps have been instituted:

Albuquerque Camp No. 6, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Turlock Camp No. 66, Turlock, California.

Congratulations to Department Commander G. B. Hall

5. Department Commander George B. Hall, Department of Iowa, has secured the reinstatement of one suspended camp and forwarded applications for charters for two new camps within the past month. He is entitled to the place of honor in this General Order. The Commander-in-Chief expresses his appreciation and extends congratulations to Comrade Hall for his good work.

Geo. V. Farrell Camp No. 1, Ordered Attached to Department of

Pennsylvania

6. George V. Farrell Camp No. 1, of Wilmington, Delaware, Unattached, has expressed a desire to be attached to the Department of Pennsylvania. The Department Commander of the Department of Pennsylvania concurs. George V. Farrell Camp is hereby attached to the Department of Pennsylvania and will hereafter report to, and send all official communications through, said Department of Pennsylvania. To avoid confusion with Alfred E. Hunt Camp No. 1, communications and orders shall refer to said camp as George V. Farrell Camp No. 1, of Wilmington, Del., Department of Pennsylvania.

Memorial Day

7. Memorial Day is close at hand. This day is closely associated with one of the main purposes of the organization and is

the day on which we fulfill one of the covenants of our obligations as Spanish War Veterans. Let us "honor the memory of our dead."

The National Patriotic Instructor calls attention to the fact that the deaths from disease during the Spanish War pointed the way to Army health reform which saved hundreds of thousands of lives in the recent war. He urges us to fittingly remember these comrades, who were a sacrifice on behalf of their comrades of the recent war. He also urges the display of flags on Memorial Day, and the carrying of the message of the service of the Volunteer of '98 to the pupils in the various public schools.

The Commander-in-Chief urges the respective camp Commanders to make every effort to turn out the entire membership of their camps in observance of the day. He urges all camp Commanders to work in conjunction with the G. A. R., Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion, with a view to united action and proper respect to the Veteran Dead of the various wars of our country. It is suggested that the respective camp Commanders give due publicity in their local papers to the fact that the United Spanish War Veterans are going to observe Memorial Day, specifying who are eligible to membership and inviting all such persons to participate with the organization.

Camp Commanders and Patriotic Instructors are reminded that there are certain prescribed ceremonies for this occasion contained in the Standard Book of Ceremonies of the organization.

Errata

8. Paragraph 10, General Orders No. 7, series 1920-1921, announcing cash on hand March 31st, 1921, by a typographical error, gives said amount at \$4,793.87. This item should have appeared as \$4,793.46. The same will stand corrected accordingly.

Battery A, 1st Wisconsin Vol. Light Artillery, Attention!

9. Comrades who served in Battery A, 1st Wisconsin Volunteer Light Artillery, are requested to get in touch with A. C. Reisz, Commander Sauk County Camp No. 40, Department of Wisconsin, 506 Oak Street, Baraboo, Wisconsin, with a view to mutual assistance in the matter of securing pensions.

Illinois Volunteers, Attention!

10. It is reported that there is still in the hands of the authorities of the State of Illinois, extra service money allocated by the Federal Government to Illinois Volunteer soldiers for service during the period between enlistment and muster into Federal service during the war with Spain. In about 200 cases no claims for such money have been made. Illinois Comrades who have not made claim for such extra compensation, or their heirs, if deceased, are advised to get in touch with the Adjutant General of the State of

Illinois, or to communicate with Department Commander Fred E. Brown, 124½ W. Third Street, Sterling, Illinois.

E Troop, 14th Cavalry, Attention!

11. We are in receipt of the following request from the Department of California:

“ Will any Comrade who served in E Troop, 14th U. S. Cavalry, with John G. Endress, please get in touch with Mrs. Julia Endress, 3029 West Street, Oakland, Calif. This information is badly needed by Mrs. Endress in her claim for pension, and the voucher of a former Comrade will materially aid her.”

Company L, 8th Infantry, Attention!

12. Comrade Greer T. Neal, of 639 Robert St., Newport, Ky., who served with Co. L, 8th U. S. Infantry, from February 2, 1900, to February 3, 1903, would like to get in communication with Pvts. Golden and Chadwick, of the Hospital Corps, and Sgts. Keller Shenk, Arthur Shenk and James Delaney, who served at the hospital at Pila, P. I. Also Contract Surgeon Harry R. Lemon and his Company Commander, Capt. G. K. Miller. Comrade Neal needs the corroborative testimony of these Comrades to prove his total blindness to be of service origin.

1st California Volunteers, Attention!

13. A sister of Mitchell J. Browne, late of Co. D, 1st California Vol. Inf., desires to get in touch with her brother. She has not heard from him in the past 15 years. At that time he was located on a ranch in Nebraska. Comrades having information concerning Mitchell J. Browne will please communicate with Mrs. Chas. Rodgers, Route 1, Box 391-B, Arcadia, California.

Information Wanted

14. Anyone having knowledge of the whereabouts of Billie W. Broderick, who served in the 1st U. S. V. Cavalry in Cuba and 11th U. S. V. Cavalry in the Philippines, will please notify James Garvey, 224 Provident Bldg., Tacoma, Washington. It is understood that Broderick enlisted in the Canadian forces during the World War.

Shell Buttons and Other Supplies

15. The Quartermaster General announces that the long delayed shell buttons will be ready for distribution within a few days. Considerable delay was occasioned by reason of the fact that the original order was countermanded and cancelled, as defective, and not complying with the standards required. The manufacturer claims that the delay was unavoidable by reason of the necessity of installing new machinery and dies.

The shell buttons will sell at \$1.75 per set of 4 large and 10 small. Metal collar devices will be furnished at \$1.25 a pair.

Twenty-five per cent discount on the foregoing will be allowed Departments only.

Correct Address of Adjutant General

16. All communications to the Adjutant General should be addressed as follows: Thomas J. L. Kennedy, Adjutant General U. S. W. V., 410 County-City Building, Seattle, Washington.

A great deal of delay has been occasioned by communications and requisitions being merely addressed Adjutant General, U. S. W. V., Seattle, Washington. These communications invariably first go to the Adjutant General of the State of Washington, involving considerable delay before reaching National Headquarters.

By order of

Official:

J. K. WITHERSPOON,

THOMAS J. L. KENNEDY,

Commander-in-Chief.

Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDER, No 9.
(Series 1920-1921.)

June 1, 1921.

Appointments.

1. The following appointments are hereby announced:

Special Aides-de-Camp

Assigned to National Headquarters

Comrade Robert G. Woodside, Dept. of Penn.

Comrade R. J. Reals, Department of South Dakota.

National Aides-de-Camp

Department of Washington and Alaska

Commander H. A. Bremer.

Past Dept. Commander Ed. Ennis.

Comrade Richard McAvoy.

Comrade Frank M. McLean.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Committee on Transportation

2. The following appointments to the Committee on Transportation to the National Encampment are hereby announced:

Past Dept. Commander C. G. Juneau, care of C. M. & St. P. Ry., Milwaukee, Wis.

Senior V. Commander J. C. Hedger, Minneapolis, Minn.

It will be the duty of this Committee to secure the best possible rates to the National Encampment.

New Camps

3. The following applications for charters have been received and approved:

New Camp at Popular Bluff, Missouri.
New Camp at Springfield, Missouri.
New Camp at Michigan City, Indiana.
New Camp at Ambrosia, West Virginia.
New Camp at Bellefontaine, Ohio.
New Camp at Westfield, New Jersey.
New Camp at Lock Haven, Pennsylvania.
New Camp at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

The following applications for permission to re-organize camps have been received and approved:

McArthur Camp No. 33, Cheboygan, Michigan.
Alfred C. Weller Camp No. 32, Middletown, N. Y.

The following camps have been instituted:

Boulder Camp No. 16, Boulder, Colorado.
Col. William W. Gilbert Camp No. 108, Rochester, N. Y.
Zan F. Collett Camp No. 4, Elkins, West Virginia.
Victor Vifquain Camp No. 15, Hastings, Nebraska.
Roosevelt Camp No. 14, Scotts Bluff, Nebraska.
J. J. Boree Camp No. 65, San Leandro, California.

The following camps have been placed in good standing:

Geddes Camp No. 5, Dept. of Nebraska.
Fremont Camp No. 7, Dept. of Nebraska.
Bruce E. Macy Camp No. 8, Dept. of Nebraska.
Fred D. Grant Camp No. 10, Dept. of Nebraska.
Otoe Camp No. 12, Dept. of Nebraska.
Otero Camp No. 14, Dept. of Colorado and Wyoming.
Farthest West Camp No. 20, Dept. of Oregon.
Chaffee Camp No. 58, Dept. of California.

Congratulations to Dept. Commander Otto W. Meier

4. Department Commander O. W. Meier, Department of Nebraska, has instituted two camps and reinstated five suspended camps within the past month. Nebraska is now in the 100% class, all fifteen camps of the Department being in good standing. Department Commander Meier is entitled to the place of honor in this General Order. The Commander-in-Chief expresses his appreciation and extends congratulations to Comrade Meier for his good work.

George V. Farrell Camp No. 1 Ordered Detached from the Department of Pennsylvania

5. George V. Farrell Camp No. 1, of Wilmington, Delaware, ordered attached to the Department of Pennsylvania in General Orders No. 8 (series 1920-1921), is dissatisfied with said arrangement. Said camp is hereby detached from the Department of Pennsyl-

vania and will hereafter be an unattached camp, reporting direct to National Headquarters. Paragraph 6 of General Orders No. 8 (series 1920-1921) is hereby set aside.

Flag Day

6. Attention is directed to the fact that June 14th is Flag Day. The National Patriotic Instructor extends the following message to the comrades:

“As another anniversary of Flag Day approaches, every veteran of 1898-1902 should remember its significance and be sure that Old Glory is prominently displayed from his residence. Although June 14th is not the anniversary of a great national victory on the field of arms, it is of special importance to all patriotic Americans, as it commemorates the day on which the Continental Congress in 1777 adopted Betsey Ross’s design for our National emblem, which with some modifications is used to this day. June 14th should be selected as an appropriate date for the presentation of miniature flags to school children and department and camp patriotic instructors should make every effort to arrange, in co-operation with school authorities, for a proper celebration of this great day in our National history. As the school years draws to a close let it be demonstrated in this manner that the United Spanish War Veterans has fulfilled its mission as a patriotic organization and thus receive the commendation of all true Americans in fostering and developing respect and reverence for our glorious flag and all that it means in the minds of the rising generation.”

Errata

7. Paragraph 9, General Orders No. 8 (series 1920-1921), erroneously referred to Comrade A. C. Reisz as Commander.

Paragraph No. 4, of the same General Order, by typographical error, announced an application for charter as having been received from Iowa City instead of Iowa Falls.

The same will stand corrected accordingly.

Department Commanders and Adjutants, Attention!

8. The attention of Department Commanders and Adjutants is directed to Paragraph 7, General Orders No. 7 (series 1920-1921). Department Commanders are delinquent in the matter of notifying National Headquarters of the proposed dates of their respective Department Encampments.

Retiring Department Adjutants are delinquent in the matter of sending to National Headquarters lists containing the names and addresses of the Department officers as required by said paragraph 7 of the said General Orders No. 7.

Per Capita Tax

9. Department Commanders and Commanders of Provisional Divisions are charged with the duty of seeing that all per capita

tax is promptly forwarded to the Adjutant General by the respective Adjutants, with their semi-annual reports. Remittances from a Department must be accompanied by complete or partial consolidated report. Unattached camps must transmit per capital tax direct to National Headquarters together with semi-annual Quartermaster's and Adjutant's reports. Per Capita Tax and the reports hereinbefore specified should be promptly transmitted on or immediately following July 1, 1921.

Members at Large

10. The semi-annual dues of Members at Large (rate \$2.00 per annum) for the last half of 1921, will fall due on July 1st, and should be paid on or before said date by money order payable to the Adjutant General. Address 410 County-City Building, Seattle, Washington.

Information Wanted

11. Any Comrade having knowledge of the whereabouts of Wm. H. McDonald, who served in Co. D, 1st Mont. Vol. Inf. and Co. C, of the 36th U. S. Vol. Inf. in the Philippines, and who is thought to have re-entered the service during the World War, will please notify Comrade H. A. McDonald, the father of the missing Comrade, at Hot Springs, South Dakota.

Comrades having knowledge of the whereabouts of Joseph L. Albrecht, late of Troop M, 4th Cavalry, and Co. C, 7th California Vol. Inf., will please notify Mrs. M. Albrecht, mother of the missing Comrade, at 338 Girard St., San Francisco, California.

Co. A, 15th Infantry, Attention!

12. The Department Commander of the Department of New York has requested the publication of the following letter received from a Comrade:

"Dear Sir and Comrade: Would you try and get me the name and address of any of the Comrades who served in the 15th U. S. Infantry in 1896 and most especially in Co. A.

"Any information that you can give me will be most gratefully appreciated as it may be the means of helping an old service man from that regiment. Thanking you in advance, I am,

(Signed) JOHN X. AHEARN,

29 Garden St., Amsterdam, N. Y."

National Delegates

13. Attention is directed to Sections 81, 82 and 83, of the Rules and Regulations relating to the election of delegates to the National Encampment. Immediately upon the election of such delegates, Camp Adjutants will forward direct to National Headquarters the name, rank and address of each delegate and alternate, sending duplicate statement to Department Headquarters. It is imperative that this order be complied with forthwith. Further instructions relative to credentials will appear in General Orders No. 10.

National Encampment

14. The National Encampment days are fast approaching. All Camps and Departments are urged to make special efforts looking to proper representation at Minneapolis. Comrades are urged to reserve their vacation period to cover the Encampment dates (September 12 to 15, inclusive). The Minnesota Comrades are working hard to see that you are properly entertained. We hope to see you at Minneapolis.

By order of

J. K. WITHERSPOON,

Commander-in-Chief.

THOMAS J. L. KENNEDY,

Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 10.
(Series 1920-1921.)

July 1, 1921.

Appointments

1. The following appointments are hereby announced:

*National Aides-de-Camp**Unattached Camps*

Comrade C. J. Schuster, A. M. Wetherill Camp No. 5, Ky.

Comrade J. A. Bishop, Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 8, Ga.

Department of Michigan

Comrade Chas. E. Ravens.

Committee on Transportation

2. Comrade R. H. Jantz is hereby appointed as an additional member of the Committee on Transportation to the National Encampment.

New Camps

3. The following applications for charters have been received and approved:

New Camp at Shelby, Ohio.

New Camp at Ripley, Ohio.

New Camp at Lewistown, Mont.

New Camp at Peru, Indiana.

New Camp at East Chicago, Ind.

New Camp at Washington, Ind.

The following Camps have been placed in good standing:

Lima Camp No. 38, Dept. of Ohio.

Bovie Camp No. 76, Dept. of Ohio.

Eugene Snell Camp No. 80, Dept. of Ohio.

Hamilton B. Paul Camp No. 4, Dept. of Ind.

Wm. Fitzgerald Camp No. 22, Unattached, at Tientsin, China.

The following Camps have been instituted :

Norris Camp No. 29, Dept. of Iowa.

Clinton McDowell Camp No. 30, Dept. of Iowa.

Sheldon Morris Durbin Camp No. 58, Dept. of Ind.

John J. Pershing Camp No. 9, Dept. of Mo.

Wm. Meyersick Camp No. 15, Dept. of Mont.

Edgar Ridenour Camp No. 57, Dept. of Ind.

Edward J. Meehan Camp No. 59, Dept. of Ind.

Seth R. Wykoff Camp No. 60, Dept. of Ind.

Ripley Camp No. 94, Dept. of Ohio.

Shelby Camp No. 95, Dept. of Ohio.

Congratulations to Past Dept. Commanders Zillmer and Rupnow

4. Past Department Commander Chas. F. Zillmer, Department of Indiana, instituted four Camps and reinstated two suspended Camps during the last month of his administration. He is entitled to the place of honor in this General Orders. The Commander-in-Chief expresses his appreciation and extends congratulations to Comrade Zillmer for his good work.

Past Department Commander A. F. Rupnow, Department of Ohio, crowded Comrade Zillmer in the race for first place, having instituted two Camps and reinstated three suspended Camps during a like period. The Commander-in-Chief also expresses his appreciation and extends congratulations to Comrade Rupnow for his good work.

Commander-in-Chief Protests Discharge of Ex-service Men

5. Complaint having reached National Headquarters that many ex-service men had been discharged and that many more were to be discharged on July 1st, from Civil Service positions under the jurisdiction of the Army and Navy Departments while civilians without military record were to be retained on the pay-rolls, the Commander-in-Chief considered the matter of sufficient importance to require his personal presence in Washington, D. C.

Commanders of nearby Departments and representatives of the G. A. R., the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and of the American Legion were requested to meet the Commander-in-Chief at Washington. A number of such representatives were in attendance. The Commander-in-Chief has entered a protest with the President and with the Secretaries of War and Navy. It is hoped that the condition complained of will be remedied.

Independence Day

6. National Patriotic Instructor Thos. W. Rooney, 66 Liberty Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut, extends the following Fourth of July message to the Comrades:

"July 4th is often regarded as a holiday to be devoted entirely to noise making, outings and travel. Perhaps in our generation its true significance was not more properly displayed than on July

4th, 1918, just twenty years after Sampson's and Schley's great victory over the Spanish naval forces at Santiago.

On this date our country was engaged with all its mighty resources of arms and men in the greatest conflict of all time and the discharge of firearms or fireworks was strictly forbidden nearly everywhere and instead a tremendous effort was made (at least in all of our great cities) to demonstrate that there were forces at home capable of suppressing disorders of any kind, and the alien plotters and sympathizers were completely awed by the great demonstrations of loyalty to the country and its institutions. Remember, Comrades, that while the war may be over, the alien plotter and sympathizer is still here and that nothing can more effectively negative his activities than a continued display of patriotism by millions of true blue Americans. Comrades, you showed your colors in 1898. You saluted Old Glory every day then, and it was displayed every day during "business" hours.

"On July Fourth, every comrade of our beloved organization should show that he is still true to the oath of allegiance that he took upon being mustered into the service of the United States by displaying from sunrise to sundown the glorious flag of our country, the real emblem of our slogan, Freedom, Patriotism, and Humanity."

Countersign

7. The countersign for the term ending June 30th, 1921, is hereby revoked. The countersign for the term commencing July 1st, 1921, has been promulgated and will be forwarded for all Camps (upon receipt of per capita tax for the current year) to the Department Commanders and the Commanders of unattached Camps as the case may be. Camp Commanders in the territorial jurisdiction of Departments who have not received the new countersign should take the matter up with their respective Department Headquarters to ascertain the delay in the forwarding of the per capita tax to National Headquarters.

National Delegates

8. Attention is again directed to the subject matter contained in paragraph 13, General Orders No. 9 (series 1920-1921). If delegates have not already been selected as provided by the Rules and Regulations (see Section 81-82 et seq.) they should be elected without further delay, and report called for by General Orders No. 9, prepared and forwarded forthwith.

National per capita tax should be remitted without delay, as no Camp can be represented which is not in good standing.

The names of officers and past officers in good standing and entitled ex-officio or by reason of past rank, to sit in the National Convention should be certified immediately by the respective Adjutants charged with such duty. Credentials will be issued (from the office of the Adjutant General) at the National Encampment, to those shown by the records to be entitled thereto.

Per Capita Tax

9. Attention is again directed to the matter of per capita tax due for the current term beginning with the date of this order. Camp and Department Commanders and Adjutants are again referred to their duties in the premises, and their attention directed to the subject matter of Paragraph No. 9, General Orders No. 9 (series 1920-1921). The respective officers are urged to see that their Departments and Camps are in good standing in view of the approach of the National Encampment.

Lost Discharge Found

10. An honorable discharge belonging to Comrade George D. Huntington, has been found and is now in the possession of Comrade O. H. Hamilton, of Pensacola, Florida.

Information Wanted

11. Anyone having knowledge of the whereabouts of Lawyer A. Mattice, late of Co. G, 1st U. S. Infantry, discharged April 27th, 1899, at Pinar de Rio, Cuba, will please communicate with John Farner, Adjutant of Lawton Camp No. 4, at 1014 11th St. N. W., Washington, D. C.

Mattice is 43 years of age, has gray eyes and light hair, is six feet in height and weighs 170 pounds. He was last heard of in Nevada.

Co. K, 26th Infantry, Attention!

12. Former members of Co. K., 26th Infantry, serving therein prior to 1903, and who know David Richards, late of that organization, will please communicate with A. R. Webster, Adjutant of E. M. Brown Camp No. 22, 814 So. Yakima Avenue, Tacoma, Washington.

Comrade Richards desires to get in touch with his former Comrades with a view to the correction of his discharge papers.

By order of

Official:

J. K. WITHERSPOON,

THOMAS J. L. KENNEDY,

Commander-in-Chief.

Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 11.
(Series 1920-1921.)

August 1, 1921.

National Headquarters to Close

1. National Headquarters at Room 410, County-City Building, Seattle, Washington, will close on September 6, 1921, and will be re-established at the Hotel West, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Saturday, September 10th, 1921.

Rush Consolidated Reports

2. Consolidated reports and per capita tax must be forwarded in time to be received at the Seattle office not later than September 6th, 1921. All mail received at the Seattle office after that date will be held until after the National Encampment. Put your Camps and Departments in good standing.

Rush Requisitions

3. Camp and Department Quartermasters are urged to forward without delay all requisitions for supplies necessary or convenient to the administration of their respective offices for the next two months. No requisitions received at the Seattle office later than September 6th will be filed until after the National Encampment. Rush your orders for supplies and avoid the delay incident to the change of administration.

New Camps

4. The following applications for charters have been received and approved:

New Camp at Camden, Maine.

The following Camps have been instituted:

Col. B. B. Buck Camp No. 11, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Corp. Brown Camp No. 11, Dept. of Potomac.

The following Camps have been placed in good standing:

Wm. E. Almy Camp No. 1, Unattached, San Juan, Porto Rico.

The following Camps have been consolidated:

Mitchell Camp No. 13 and Foreign Service Camp No. 26 of Newark, New Jersey, have completed their consolidation under Section 16 of the Rules and Regulations. The consolidated Camp will be known as Franklin Camp No. 29. The order authorizing the use of the number 29 is permissive only, subject to be vacated in case of reorganization of Lt. J. House Camp No. 29.

Exhibit of National Historian to be at Minneapolis

5. The Commander-in-Chief, with the approval of the Finance Committee has arranged for the transportation of the exhibit and collection of trophies of the National Historian to the Encampment at Minneapolis. The National Historian has a fine collection and his exhibit should be one of the drawing cards of the Encampment.

Rates to National Encampment

6. The Committee on Transportation has already secured a fare and one-half rate to the National Encampment. The committee is, however, trying to secure a further reduction. The rates will probably be secured on the certificate plan. When final arrangements have been made, which will be not later than August 10th,

the necessary information and certificates will be forwarded to Camp and Department Adjutants.

Appointments

7. Comrade Department Commander J. J. Garrity, of Illinois, is hereby appointed as an additional member of the Committee on Transportation to the National Encampment.

National Delegates

8. There have been heretofore transmitted to Camp Adjutants, copies of form of certificate of election of Camp delegates and alternates to the National Encampment. Copies of appropriate form of certificate are being transmitted to Department Adjutants for certification of delegates at large and ex-officio and permanent members of the National Encampment in good standing in their respective camps.

These certificates should be filled out and returned to National Headquarters without delay. Credentials will be issued from the office of the Adjutant General at the National Encampment as announced in paragraph 8, General Order No. 10. The payment of per capita tax will, however, be a prerequisite to the issuing of credentials to delegates.

Delegates not bearing personal identification slips or personal credentials issued by their respective Adjutants will be required in lieu thereof to exhibit their official receipts for dues, before the issuance of credentials by the Adjutant General.

National Encampment

9. The Convention of the 23rd National Encampment will convene at the Hotel West, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Monday, September 12th, 1921, at 9:30 A. M. A preliminary informal session, however, will be held Sunday evening, September 11th, 1921, at a place to be designated by the National Encampment Committee, for the transaction of preliminary business authorized by Section 204 of the Rules and Regulations.

The Commander-in-Chief urges every Comrade who can possibly attend the National Encampment to exert every effort to the end that he may do so. Matters of most urgent importance to Spanish War Veterans and their families are embodied in legislation now pending before Congress. The securing of the enactment of such legislation is one of the many matters of importance that will be considered by the Convention. Every camp should be represented, and every Comrade who can should attend. Full information concerning hotel rates, etc., can be secured by communicating with Major James Elwin, Chairman of the National Encampment Committee, Lumber Exchange Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Department Adjutants, Attention!

10. The attention of incoming Department Adjutants is directed to Section 165 of the Rules and Regulations, defining their duties.

Attention is particularly directed to paragraph (h) pertaining to the rendering of consolidated semi-annual reports and payment of per capita tax. The consolidated report for the first half of 1921 and per capita tax for the present term should have been transmitted on July 1st. If this duty was not performed by the retiring Department Adjutant, his successor should perform the duty at once.

Opinions by Judge Advocate General

11. The Judge Advocate General has furnished an opinion to the effect that a sailor who served in the U. S. Navy between April 21, 1898, and July 4, 1902, and who secured an honorable discharge by purchase, is eligible to active membership in the organization in the absence of fraud or improper motive in the matter of procuring the discharge.

The Judge Advocate General has furnished a further opinion to the effect that female nurses are not eligible to active membership in the organization. Generally speaking, officers, soldiers and sailors of the Army, Navy or Marine Corps, and certain other special, specified classes (serving within the time limits) are eligible to active membership under Section 2 of Article III of the Constitution. Female nurses are not mentioned in the special, specified classes, nor were they enlisted or commissioned, or discharged as officers, soldiers, sailors or marines between April 21, 1898, and July 4, 1902. Female nurses were given a semi-military status by Section 19, Act of Congress, February 2, 1901 (31 Stat. L. 753), under which they were entitled to quarters, subsistence and medical attendance. They were not, however, enlisted or commissioned, but were appointed by the Surgeon General, receiving letters of appointment, upon which notation of honorable discharge was made at the conclusion of the service. They were not considered as part of the commission or enlisted personnel.

The foregoing opinions, having been reviewed and approved, will stand as the rulings of the Commander-in-Chief, *and it is so ordered.*

Assistance to Bureau of War Risk Insurance

12. Colonel C. R. Forbes, Director of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, by letter bearing date July 14, 1921, has promulgated a plan of campaign for expediting the settlement of veterans' claims. The plan provides for "clean up squads" to operate under the direction of the District Managers of the Bureau.

Invitations are being issued to sub-divisions of our organization to assist in the work. The work contemplated is of general interest to veterans, and is of particular interest to the members of our organization by reason of the fact that approximately 25% of our members saw service in the recent war. Department Commanders and Commanders of Unattached camps are requested and directed to co-operate with District Supervisors of the Bureau of War Risks Insurance in the prosecution of this work. In cases where it is not deemed advisable to incur the expense incident to delegating a

member to serve on the "clean up squad," it is suggested that liaison or "contact" officers be appointed to serve within the jurisdiction of the respective camps to which they may belong.

Information Wanted

13. Anyone having knowledge of the whereabouts of Cyrus S. Applegate, late of Company B, 4th U. S. Infantry, and Company H, 8th U. S. Infantry, will please communicate with his sister, Mrs. Dalorus Gill, R. F. D. No. 1, Stapleton, Nebraska, who requires his presence in the matter of settlement of his father's estate. Comrade Applegate was last heard of in San Francisco, California, in June, 1913.

Life Membership Conferred

14. Ward A. Willford Camp No. 57, Department of Ohio, requests that publicity be given to the fact that it has conferred a life membership upon Alexander Bradley, who served in the U. S. Navy from 1865 to 1882, and during the war with Spain, and who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for gallantry in action.

The comrade was furnished with a silver plate receipt in form similar to the official receipt with the exception that a lapel button was used thereon in lieu of the membership badge. Said silver plate receipt is evidence of said life membership and will be honored accordingly.

By order of

J. K. WITHERSPOON,

Official:

Commander in Chief.

THOMAS J. L. KENNEDY,
Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 12,
(Series 1920-1921)

September 1, 1921.

Hold National Headquarters Mail

1. As heretofore announced in General Orders No. 11, National Headquarters at Room 410 County-City Building, Seattle, Washington, will permanently close September 6, 1921. Immediately upon receipt of this order, discontinue mailing correspondence to said address. Hold all such correspondence until after receipt of General Orders No. 13, which will specify address of new National Headquarters.

Further Information on Rates

2. Since date of issue of Circular No. 4 (series 1920-1921) we have been advised that the Transcontinental Lines (serving Pacific Coast and adjacent states) have granted one and one-third fare privilege on identification certificate plan, but that Southern car-

riers refuse concessions better than one and one-half fare. All other conditions remain the same as heretofore noted in said Circular No. 4, excepting that the final return limit for the states of Arizona, Oregon and Washington has been extended to September 25, 1921.

New Camps

3. The following applications for charters have been received and approved:

New Camp at Piedmont, West Virginia.
New Camp at Johnson City, New York.
New Camp at Monmouth, Illinois.
New Camp at Rochester, Indiana.
New Camp at Elizabethtown, Illinois.
New Camp at Paragould, Arkansas.
New Camp at Tekamah, Nebraska.
New Camp at Newcastle, Indiana.
Headquarters Camp, Dept. Colo. and Wyo.

The following applications for permission to reorganize camps have been received and approved:

Col. John H. Wholley Camp No. 21, Washington and Alaska.

The following Camps have been instituted:

Maj. Augustus P. Gardner Camp No. 62, Dept. of Mass.
Rough Rider Camp No. 21, Dept. of Okla.
Medina Camp No. 109, Dept. of New York.
Frank J. Howatt Camp No. 12, Dept. of Fla.
Jesse Jackson Camp No. 10, Texas.
Watchung Camp No. 37, Dept. of N. J.
A. H. Skinner Camp No. 61, Dept. of Ind.
Wm. H. McKinley Camp No. 17, Dept. of Maine.

The following Camps have been re-organized:

Alfred C. Weller Camp No. 32, Dept. of N. Y.
Col. John H. Wholley Camp No. 21, Dept. of Wash. and Alaska.
McArthur Camp No. 33, Dept. of Michigan.

The following Camps have been placed in good standing:

Ross Granger Camp No. 7, Dept. of Mich.
Gen. Jas. Barnett Camp No. 42, Dept. of Ohio.
Claude H. Ough Camp No. 9, Dept. of Neb.
Major John J. O'Brien Camp No. 2, Idaho.
Joseph Hays Camp No. 21, Dept. of Iowa.
Gen. Joe Wheeler Camp No. 2, Dept. of Fla.
M. B. Rowe Camp No. 2, Dept. of Virginia.
Hamlin Hagerty Camp No. 3, Dept. of Maine.
Chas. E. Bond Camp No. 9, Dept. of Minn.
Schaumkessel Camp No. 10, Dept. of Minn.
Norman E. Sandburg Camp No. 18, Dept. of Minn.
Herman D. Hughes Camp No. 9, Dept. of Penn.
Maj. Robt. P. Wainwright Camp No. 16, Dept. of Calif.

The following Camps have been consolidated:

General Fitzhugh Lee Camp No. 5, and Taylor Higgins Camp No. 11, located at Norfolk, Department of Virginia, have completed their consolidation under section 16 of the Rules and Regulations. The consolidated Camp will be known as Fitzhugh Lee-Taylor Higgins Camp No. 5.

4. The following appointments are hereby announced:

Committee on Credentials

Adjutant General Thomas J. L. Kennedy, chairman.

Jr. V. C. C., T. Rosser Roemer.

Quartermaster General T. J. Cunningham.

Dept. Commander J. J. Garrity.

National Aide-de-Camp Wm. M. Hogan.

Financial Report

5. The following is the financial statement for the term commencing with the present administration, on September 16, 1920, and ending August 31, 1921:

Receipts

From past administration.....	\$7,501 24
Charter fees	355 00
Members at large.....	1,053 85
Supplies	11,590 12
Per capita tax	10,935 01
Interest	163 98
Color fund	35 95
Total	<hr/> \$31,635 15

Disbursements

Pay roll, headquarters	\$4,431 58
Supplies	6,896 19
Postage, supplies and office expense.....	1,982 46
Legislative committee	2,946 53
Printing and stationery	2,837 38
Freight and express.....	699 68
Telephone and telegraph tolls.....	429 04
Travelling expense, headquarters.....	3,711 50
Salaries, expenses general officers.....	1,516 23
Property added to plant.....	413 12
Official publication	250 00
Board of survey	106 18
New York office.....	85 55
Refund to camps and departments.....	181 21
Refunds to members at large.....	3 00
Unpaid accounts past administration.....	237 50
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	\$26,727 15
Cash on hand	\$4,908 00
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	\$31,635 15

Opinion by Judge Advocate General

6. The Judge Advocate General has furnished an opinion to the effect that the action taken by the 22d National Encampment (Proceedings, pages 113 and 114) in voting on a proposed amendment to Section 222 of the Rules and Regulations as though it were an amendment to the Constitution, was a nullity so far as amending the Constitution was concerned.

His opinion further holds that the vote upon the proposed amendment does not have the effect of amending the Rules and Regulations because it was not introduced as such, referred to the proper committee, or voted upon as an amendment to the Rules and Regulations.

The foregoing opinion having been reviewed and approved, will stand as the ruling of the Commander-in-Chief *and it is so ordered.*

South Dakota Volunteers, attention!

7. By the terms of a recently enacted law, every resident of South Dakota, honorably discharged from the Army, Navy or Marine Corps, having served during the Spanish American War or Philippine Insurrection, is entitled to a bonus in the sum of \$15.00 per month for each month of service. If, at the time of your service you were a resident of South Dakota, communicate with the South Dakota Soldiers' Compensation Board at Pierre, South Dakota.

More Volunteers Entitled to Extra Service Money

8. We are informed that notice published in General Orders No. 8 (series 1920-1921) resulted in the payment of one hundred claims to Illinois Volunteers entitled to extra service pay.

Mr. Adrian Sizer, Colorado Building, Washington, D. C., is authority for the statement that extra service money for service during the period between enlistment and muster into the Federal service, during the War with Spain, is still in the hands of the authorities of the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, New York, Louisiana, Massachusetts, South Carolina, South Dakota, West Virginia, North Carolina, Virginia, Washington and Oregon. If you served with the Volunteers from any one of the states above named, you are advised to communicate with the Adjutant General thereof.

Edw. C. O'Neal Discharge Found

9. The honorable discharge of Edward C. O'Neal, late private of Co. A, 20th U. S. Inf., has been found and is now in the possession of Samuel Shove, Adjutant of Lt. Casper Collins Camp No. 15, Casper, Wyoming.

Errata

10. Paragraph 11, line 22, of General Orders No. 11 (series 1920-1921) by typographical error carries the word "commission" instead of "commissioned." The same will stand corrected accordingly.

John Paul Schultz Missing

11. John Paul Schultz, age 55, 5 feet 8 inches in height, weight 155 pounds, light brown hair, blue eyes, ruddy complexion and with eagle tattooed on forearm, is missing. He served in Co. I, 10th Penn. Inf., during the Philippine Insurrection. He was last heard from at St. Louis, Missouri, April 29, 1921. Communications should be addressed to his wife, Mrs. Drusilla Schultz, 1623 Van Buren street, Garry, Indiana.

Information wanted

12. Any comrade knowing the addresses of Captain Richard Esmond, 1st Lieut. Percy Owens, 2d Lieut. John Donlon, or the surgeon or hospital attendants of Company L, 1st United States Vol. Engineers, which was recruited principally in Connecticut and New York state during 1898, and which was mustered into the United States service at Camp Townsend, N. Y., will confer a favor upon James M. Burns of that company, who is ill and seeking a pension, by communicating with National Patriotic Instructor Thomas W. Rooney, 66 Liberty st., Bridgeport, Conn.

By order of

J. K. WITHERSPOON,

Official:

Commander in Chief.

THOMAS J. L. KENNEDY,

Adjutant General.

September 15, 1921.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 13,
(Series 1920-1921)

New Camps

1. The following applications for charters have been received and approved:

New Camp at Oskaloosa, Iowa.

New Camp at Macon, Georgia.

The following camps have been placed in good standing:

Joe Wheeler Camp No. 1, Louisiana.

Fitzhugh Lee Camp No. 11, Department of Florida.

Sergt. A. H. Smith Camp No. 106, Department of New York.

W. H. Stone Camp No. 42, Department of Wisconsin.

Ft. Buford Camp No. 2, North Dakota.

Twenty-third National Encampment

2. The 23d National Encampment of the organization convened at Minneapolis, Minnesota, on September 12, 1921, and adjourned without day on September 15, 1921. The following officers were elected and installed:

Commander-in-Chief Oscar E. Carlstrom, Department of Illinois.

Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief Geo. B. Hall, Department of Iowa.

Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief H. G. Brant, Department of Minnesota.

Surgeon General C. E. French, Department of Minnesota.

Chaplain-in-Chief H. H. Kline, Department of Nebraska.

Establishment of New National Headquarters

3. Headquarters for the new National Administration have been established at 154 West Randolph st., Chicago, Illinois. All correspondence with National Headquarters shall be addressed thereto, immediately upon receipt of this order discontinue mailing correspondence to the Seattle National Headquarters as the same have been permanently closed.

Supplemental and Final Financial Report

(September 16, 1920 to Close of Administration.)

4. Receipts	
From Past Administration.....	\$7,501 24
Charter Fees	390 00
Members at Large.....	1,082 85
Supplies	11,920 04
Per Capita Tax.....	11,587 17
Interest	163 98
Color Fund	35 95
Total	<hr/> \$32,681 23

Disbursements	
Pay Roll Headquarters.....	\$4,669 93
Supplies	7,206 55
Postage, Supplies, Office Expenses.....	2,042 69
Legislative Committee	3,179 38
Printing and Stationery.....	2,837 38
Freight and express.....	699 68
Telephone and Telegraph Fees.....	539 12
Traveling Expenses — Headquarters	3,711 50
Salaries Expense — General Office.....	1,541 23
Plant	429 12
Official Publication	275 00
Board of Survey	106 18
New York Office.....	85 55
Refunds — Camps and Departments.....	186 21
Refunds — Members at Large.....	3 00
Unpaid Accounts — Past Administration.....	237 50
Convention Expenses	799 60
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	\$28,549 62
Cash on hand.....	4,131 61
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	\$32,681 23

Balance Sheet

National Headquarters		\$14,909 68
Plant	\$2,429 12	
Investment Bond	4,000 00	
Organization Camp Ext.....	730 37	
Cash	4,131 61	
Supplies	3,419 98	
Supplies Stationery	400 00	
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	\$15,111 08	
Profit		201 40
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		\$15,111 08

It will be noted from the foregoing figures that the profit for the year, taking into account increased supplies and plant equipment on hand, only amounts to \$201.40. The money, however, has been well spent in promoting the interest of the organization as evidenced by the report to the National Encampment, and the following condensed report of the extension of the organization:

Extension Report

5. (Camp Report)

Number of camps in good standing, Sep. 16, 1920.....		681
Gain during Term —		
By Institution	44	
Re-organization	7	
Re-instatement	44	
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Total gain		95
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Aggregate		776
Loss during Term —		
By Suspension	none	
Disbandonment	none	
Consolidation	2	
Number of camps in arrears for one year, Sept.		
15, 1921	21	
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Total loss		23
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Number remaining in good standing.....		753
Gain in instituted camps.....		72
Camp applications approved but not instituted.....		18
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Total gain in camps.....		90

Membership Report

In good standing Sept. 16, 1920.....	42,403
In good standing Sept. 15, 1921.....	49,124
Gain in membership.....	6,721

Number of Orders

6. This order is the final number of this series consisting of 13 General Orders, 4 Circulars and 8 Special Orders.

Personal

7. In closing this, my final order, I desire to thank each and every member of the organization for the high honor conferred upon me, and to thank the comrades and officers of the organization for their whole-hearted and generous support of my administration. This is the greatest year in the history of the organization from the standpoint of increase in number of camps. The credit and the honor belongs to the comrades who so generously and unselfishly worked to make my administration a success. Again I thank you.

By Order of

J. K. WITHERSPOON,

Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

THOMAS J. L. KENNEDY,

Adjutant General.

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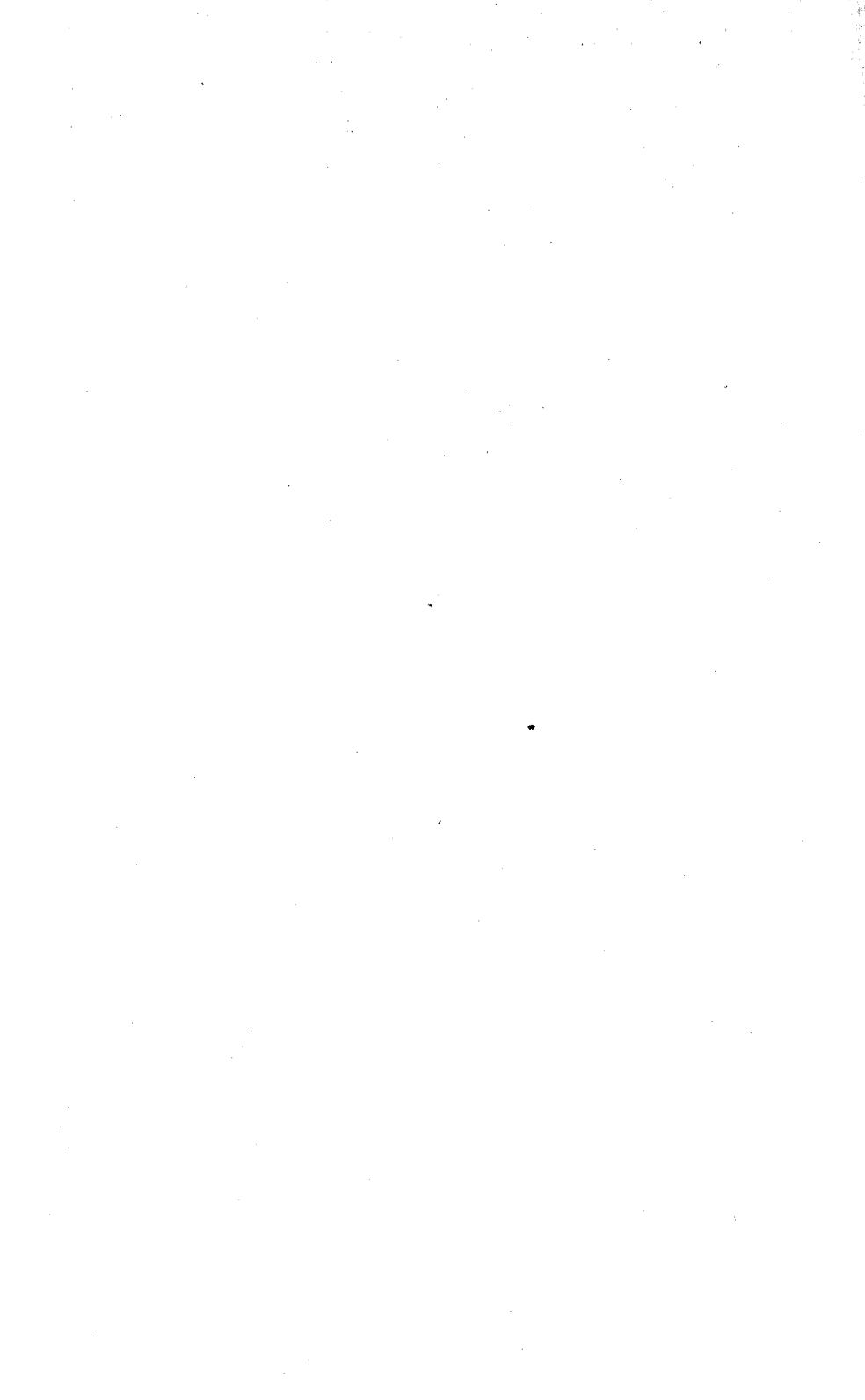
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